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An incomplete account of the descendants of John, Jonathan, and Jehiel Buffington who came with their mother Mahala to Dearborn County, Indiana, around 1800. Compiled for incorporation in a more complete volume THE BUFFINGTON FAMILY IN AMERICA now under production by Ralph M. Buffington, 1710 Welch, Houston, Texas 77006. We hope all members of the family not already reached will write to Ralph or to one of us so you may be included in the final volume.

Will those who are included here please let us know of any errors that should be corrected or additions that should be made before the volume goes to press.

To all who have helped in the collection of this data we express our most sincere thanks and hope you will purchase and enjoy this little volume and the larger one to come in the future.

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SNOW, Frank	60
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WARD, Teresa Lynn	39	WILLMAN, Webster J.	60
WATSON, Cora Glee	42	WILLMAN, William J.	60
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WEAVER, Elmer	20	WITTE, Carl	63
WEAVER, Jimmie Dale	20	WITTE, Frederick	70
WEAVER, Kibbie Kay	20	WITTE, Harold	63
WEAVER, Larry Niel	20	WITTE, Irene	70
WEAVER, Patsy Yvonne	20	WITTE, Katherine	70
WEBB, Zola	56	WITTE, Permelia	70
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WILDRIDGE, Frank	75	WRIGHT, Elda Theodocia	57
WILDRIDGE, John	75	WRIGHT, Emma	55
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WRIGHT, Jay	58
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THE BUFFINGTON FAMILY OF DEARBORN COUNTY INDIANA
by Frances Murphy McMeen

Part I

Section I Washington Co. Pa. Buffingtons

The earliest proven ancestor of the Joseph Buffington family who came to Indiana, was John Buffington of West Marlboro Twp in Chester County Pa. He is recorded as having paid taxes there from 1751 to 1771. He then disappears and reappears in Washington County in 1780. (Ref 2 pg 790). He is said to have been the first postmaster of Philadelphia (source 4 pg 591). I have obtained a complete list of the postmasters of Philadelphia and there is no Buffington among them. He may have been postmaster in some other town in Chester County.

Just how this John ties on to the main Buffington family of Pennsylvania no one seems to know. I have searched for years to find an answer as have many other researchers. Rev. Charles Buffington who is descended from Benjamin son of William, states that William was the son of Thomas who was son of the original immigrant Richard. This William, Charles says, married Alice Rupp and had at least three sons, as result of his first marriage; Benjamin, Jonathan and John. It makes sense to me that this John was our Washington Co. John who died in 1804. Descendants of the second son Jonathan also make this claim. (Source 28 pg 123)

Other researchers have believed that William the son of the original Richard, was the one who married Alice Rupp and had these three sons. Early evidence all points to the fact that this William, son of the first Richard was a bachelor. My own personal opinion leans toward the first theory. We know that men in the later families of William, son of Thomas were rivermen. They were active along the river off the shores of Meigs Co. Ohio and Virginia (now West Virginia). The son Joel purchased an island in the river there and many Buffingtons came there. It is still known as Buffington Island. Our lines have many first names similar to those of this group: Seth, Jonathan, Asa, etc. However at this time there is no proof either way.

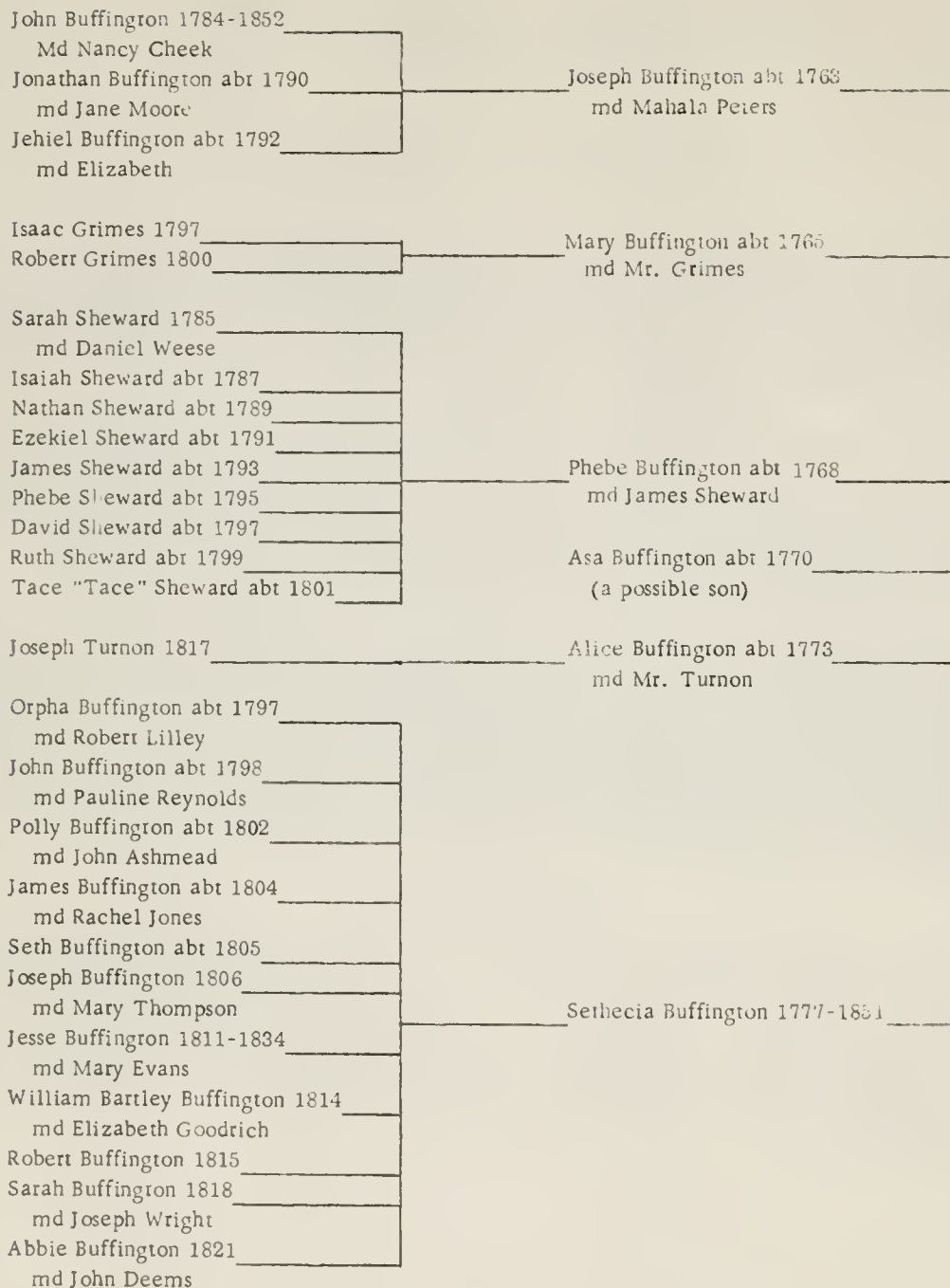
John Buffington (1732)

John Buffington, grandfather of our Jonathan, was born in Chester County about 1732. I have listed him in this paper as John 1732 to distinguish him from all other Johns though the date of his birth is as uncertain as his parentage. We believe his parents were possible William Buffington and Alice Rupp. He lived in West Marlboro Twp in Chester Co. from 1754 to 1771 and called himself a "taylor." He owned land in Washington Co. Pa. as early as 1780. His wife was Sarah Young. They had six children: Joseph, Mary, Phoebe, Asa, Alice, Sethelia. He died in Washington Co. in 1804 and left a will which mentions all the family except Asa. (Ref 1 and 2)

Descendants of John Buffington (abt 1732-1804)

and
Sarah Young

Of West Marlborough Twp Chester Co and Washington Co
In Pennsylvania



Grandchildren probably not complete

WASHINGTON COUNTY WILLS

JOHN BUFFINGTON FILE #28 May 1, 1804 Vol. 2, p. 14

In the name of God, Amen, I John Buffington Senior of Pike Run Township in Washington County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, taylor, being weak in body, but perfect in mind and memory, thanks be given to God and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named in hopes of a full and perfect resurrection at the coming of the great and glorious day of Christ. And as touching such worldly estate it hath or may hereafter please God to bless me with in this life, I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Buffington the whole of my personal estate during her natural life. And at her death and then to be divided in the following manner that is to say to Jonathan and Jehiel Buffington sons of my son Joseph Buffington, deceased--one dollar each. Item at my and my wife Sarah Buffington's death the remaining part of my personal estate to be div. equally among my 3 daughters, Mary Grimes, Pheoby Shurd, Alice Turnon (or Turner) if they can all be found and if not, to be divided among them that can be found. Item I give and bequeath to my son Seth Buffington all my real estate and to his heirs, exec, Adm. and assigns forever--after me and my wife Sarah Buffington's death--and lastly I nominate and appt my son Seth Buffington exec. of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and disannul all and every other testament, wills, legacies, bequests and executors by me in anywise before named, willed and bequested, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness hereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 17 da of March in the year of our Lord 1804

17 Mar 1804

Wit: James Millison
Mary Millison
Nathan Powell

Signed

John Buffington

Pr 1 May 1804

CHILDREN OF JOHN BUFFINGTON (1732)

I. Joseph Buffington (of John 1732) was born about 1763 probably in West Marlboro Twp Pa. He died before his father who died in 1804. He probably came to Washington Co. with his parents before 1800. He is listed in the 1790 census in Pike Run Twp Washington Co. Pa. with his father. In the 1800 census he is no longer listed, but his father John and brother Seth are listed. So it seems likely that sometime in the 1790's he moved on further west to settle, or possibly down into Virginia along the Ohio River. His oldest son states that he was born in Virginia which does not mean much since western Pa. was at that time disputed territory claimed by both Pa. and Virginia. West Virginia was then Virginia also. Sometime during the decade he died and his widow Mahala or Eliza Mahalla (nee Peters) married David Butler and came to Dearborn County Indiana in the late 1790's or early 1800's. (Ref 5 pg 848) In this account the pioneer Adam Flake is quoted as saying "In 1798 Ebenezer Foote (step father of Mahala Butler and the Peterses), David Butler and stepsons John, Jonathan, and Jehiel Buffington" came to the area. The only children we know about that belonged to Mahala and Joseph were these three sons. Their descendants will be discussed later and constitutes the bulk of this account.

II. Mary Buffington (of John 1732) born about 1765 probably in West Marlboro Twp Chester Co. Pa. She married a Mr. Grimes and had at least two sons: Isaac b 1797; who married Sarah and had three children, William, Mary and Joshua; and Robert b 1800 who married Jane and had a daughter Susanna.

III. Phebe (or Phoebe) Buffington (of John 1732) b abt 1768 married James Sheward (or Shurd) and moved to Ohio. His will in Scioto Co. Ohio proved in 1814 lists these children: Sarah or Sally b 1791 who md Daniel Weese 18 Oct. 1806; Isaiah; Nathan; Ezekiel; James; Pheby; David; Ruth (who md Mc Coy); Tacey who md Mr. Kinhead; and Rebecca who married Mr. Baker. Sarah's line has been traced down to the present along the Weese-Kirkendall lines. (Ref 36 & 37)

IV. Asa Buffington (John 1732) Mentioned in a history (ref 4) but not named in the will. No further information on him.

V. Alice Buffington (John 1732) b about 1773 probably in West Marlboro Twp Chester Co. Married a Mr. Turnon (some say Turner) and had at least one son, Joseph, born 1817 who md Eleanor and had children William 1842; Amanda 1844; and James 1846. (Ref 35)

VI. Sethecia Buffington (John 1732) called Seth b 4 Apr 1777. Died at Pilot Grove, Lee Co. Iowa in 1851. He spent most of his life in Washington Co. Pa. and went to Iowa when he was past middle age because of financial difficulties, according to the county history. As far as I can determine all children were born in Washington Co. In 1797 he married Sarah Millison daughter of James Millison Jr. and Abbie Hayes, a close relative of President Hayes. She was born in East Pike Run Twp Wash. Co. in 1779. (Ref 2-3-4) They had eleven children.

1. Orpha Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b abt 1798 Md Robert Lilly.
2. John Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b abt 1800 Md Pauline Reynolds, ancestor of Alan Buffington (Ref 38)
3. Polly Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b abt 1802 md John Ashmead.
4. James Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b about 1804 md Rachael Jones. Florence Bixler Lee is a descendant (Ref 39). James is said to have "gone west." He is not listed among the living children of Seth in 1893 (Ref 4). Rachel is in the 1850 census for Henry Co. Iowa with three children: Caroline 18, John 16, Sarah 11. All other Buffingtons in the area can be accounted for as descendants of Seth and Sarah. Carolines line is traced by Florence Bixler Lee (Ref 39).
5. Seth Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b about 1805. We feel he is probably the same Seth who was in Dearborn Co. Ind. in the 1850 census with his wife Hester Ann and daughter Martha. At that time they lived in Harrison Twp. The Wash. Co. History only tells us that he was a blacksmith and went "west." George Buffington of Aurora found a marriage of a Seth in Dearborn County Mrr Bk #8 to

Hester Ann Hallowell on 14 Nov 1847. We have no proof of this, as the son of Seth.

6. Joseph Buffington (Seth, John 1732) b 2 Mar 1806 in East Pike Run Twp Wash. Co. Pa. Married Mary Thompson, daughter of John. She died 28 Oct 1892. They had six children (Ref 4 pg 591).
 - (1) John Davis Buffington (Joseph, Sethecia, John 1732) b 2 Mar 1806, died before 1882.
 - (2) Andrew Jackson Buffington (Joseph, Sethecia, John) b 17 Aug 1832 md Elizabeth Taylor. Went to Henry Co. Iowa. In the 1850 census he lived in the town of Salem with a wife named Caroline. (probably second wife) and four children: George 15; Emma and Ella, twins 12; Maude 8. He was a Republican and served twice in the Pa. legislature. In 1893 he was Co. Commissioner in Henry Co. Iowa.
 - (3) Ruth Buffington (Joseph, Sethecia, John 1732) b 1835. Married James Irvin and lived at Ft. Royal, Virginia.
 - (4) Mary Eliza Buffington (Joseph, Sethecia, John) Married Frank Jordan.
 - (5) Sarah Frances Buffington (Joseph, Sethecia, John 1732) Married Jacob Dague lived in Sommerset Twp, Wash. Co., Pa.
 - (6) Emma Cecelia (Joseph, Sethecia, John 1732) Source 30 says she marries Hermell Lenten. In 1893 she was the wife of Miles Ruble and "resides in Kentucky." So I assume she was married twice. Her father Joseph reared two of the children so they were probably children of the first marriage.
7. Jesse Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b 7 Apr 1811 md 11 Sep 1834 to Mary Evans. Md (2) Miss Jones.
8. William Bartley Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b 1813. Married Elizabeth Goodrich. Lived in Henry Co. Iowa. The 1880 census for Trenton Twp gives William age 66 a farmer b in Pa. Both Parents born in Pa. Wife Elizabeth was age 63. Her father was born in NY and her mother in Pa. No children were listed at this time and none were found in the locality.
9. Robert Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b abt 1815.
10. Sarah Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b abt 1818 md Joseph Wright.
11. Abbie Buffington (Sethecia, John 1732) b abt 1821 Md John Deems lived in Missouri in 1890.

Descendants of Joseph Buffington son of John (the taylor) and Sarah Young. Joseph was probably born about 1760-65 in West Marlboro Twp Chester Co. Pa. There was a Joseph Buffington in the 6th class of The Kennett Company in the Chester Co. Militia in 1780. John Craige was captain of his Co. and Colonel John Hannum was Colonel of his battalion. Kennett is near to West Marlboro and I believe this may possibly have been our Joseph, son of John the "taylor." If so it is possible that he was given some land in western Pa. as many veterans were. This would account for the family's removal to Washington Co. at this time. (40) His name appears in the 1790 census in Pike Run Twp Wash Co. Pa. By the time his father John died in 1804, Joseph was dead, and had left sons John, Jonathan, Jehiel. His widow was remarried to David Butler after Joseph's death, and they went down the Ohio and settled near the mouth of Hogan Creek. In one place John (1784) gives his mother's name as Eliza. I think it may have been Mahala Eliza as we find very frequent instances where women went by either of their two names. (7) John (1732) does not mention Mahala's son John but I suppose he may have given to him previously as he was the oldest son and his grandfather's namesake. There is ample evidence to show that there were three boys of the above names.

As far as we know there were no other children except these three:

I. John Buffington (1784) (Joseph, John 1732) b 7 Mar 1784 in Fallowfield Twp in territory disputed by Pa. and Va. either Yohoghena Co. Va. or Washington Co. Pa. but now Wash Co. Pa. He married Nancy Cheek and spent his life in Dearborn Co. Ind. They had nine children: Mary who md. John Flake, Stephen who md Nancy Flake and Lydid Upp; Martha Patty who married Vinson; Rosetta who md Christian Willman; John who md Nancy Hennigan; William Cheek who md Permelia Cheek and later Elizabeth Byram; Rachel who md Elijah Huffman; Francis Cheek who md Charlott Vanmiddersworth and Carolina Merrill; Jehiel who md Amanda Jane Hayes.

This branch of the family will be written up in detail by Virginia Zeboski who is a descendant. Pg. 46

II. Jonathan Buffington b abt 1790 in Wash Co. Pa. See Section III My line.

III. Jehiel Buffington (Joseph, John 1732) We have been unable to gather very complete data on this son. We believe he was probably the youngest son of John (1732) and his wife Sarah Young Buffington. He is first mentioned in his grandfather's John's will in 1804 in Washington Co. Pa. in Pike Run Twp. We know that he came west with his mother Mahala, her husband David Butler and his brothers John and Jonathan. This was probably about 1798 to 1802. He settled with them on Hogan Creek. His first land of record was taken on April 6, 1814 (26) and included the NE 1/4 of Sec 9 Twp 4 N Range 2W in Dearborn Co. Ind. In the same year on June 28 he took the SE 1/4 of Sec 18 Twp 5N Range 1 W in the same area. He was a member of the Aurora Association when the town of Aurora was started. In 1820 he lived in Laughery Twp as did all of the brothers. His family consisted of himself (20-45) his wife (16-26) and two females over 45. I suppose these older women were his mother Mahala and his wife's mother. Probably they were a young married couple. I did not find him in the 1830 census. But there is a family listed along with the rest of the Buffingtons with just a dash for a first name. I suspect this is Jehiel and the census taker just didn't know how to spell his name. The family consisted of a male 30-40, a female of the same age; 1 male 5-10; 2 females under 5; 1 female 5-10; and 1 female 70-80. It would seem that in that decade they had welcomed four children into their home and one of the grandmothers had died.

By 1840 there was no listing for him. We assume he died, possibly in one of the cholera epidemics of that era. In the town of Wilmington is listed Elizabeth Buffington 40-50; with 1 male 10-15; 1 female 10-15; 2 females 15-20. Not an exact match but close enough for the census which I have found to be notably inexact. After this Elizabeth is alone in Wilmington, where she is found in the home of Warren Lawrence in 1850 and alone in 1860. We have been unable to find wills for Jehiel or for Elizabeth. We found no marriage for Jehiel.

George Ralph Buffington of Aurora searched out land deals in the county to determine the family of Jehiel.

I print herewith what seems most pertinent. I believe these show that Elizabeth was indeed the widow of Jehiel and we have tried to reconstruct the family as best we can. We feel quite confident that there were four girls and probably a fifth. We know from the census that there was one son. But since he is not mentioned in any of the land deals I question whether he lived to maturity. However there are some Buffingtons in the area that we have not been able to identify. Please do not take this as an accurate family. I give it only to aid future searchers in their attempt to make up an accurate family group.

From a number of sources we obtained information part of which follows. Most of it was sent by George Buffington of Aurora.

"Mary A Walker; Roxanna Hayes; and John Hayes her husband; Nancy Withrow and Cabel Withrow her husband; convey and warrant to Emmeline Buffington of Dearborn Co. State of Indiana for the sum of \$150 the following real estate: Lots #11 and 12 in Blake and Chamberlain addition to the town of Wilmington also lot #22 and the east half of lot #21 in said town, said lots being the estate of which Elizabeth Buffington, mother of the grantors died seized. Signed 2 Aug 1873 by the above heirs. "

We find these families in the census reports.

1850 Census Aurora, Center Twp Dearborn Co Ind family #138

Hayes, John carpenter	age 25	b Ohio
Hayes, Roxanna	age 20	b Ind

1850 Census Laughery Twp Dearborn Co Ind family #16

Walker, Sylvester carpenter	age 29	b Ind
Walker, Mary Ann	age 23	b Ind
Walker, George J	age 7	b Ind
Walker, William C	age 5	b Ind
Walker, Robert	age 4	b Ind

1850 Census Sparta Twp Dearborn Co Ind family #103

Withrow, Cabel	age 29	b Va
Withrow, Nancy	age 24	b Ind
Withrow, William H	age 3	b Ind

Land Transfer from Arthur Vance to Stephen Buffington Feb 1, 1849.

"Beginning at the NW corner of the SW quarter of Sec 36 Twp 5 R 2W running to 89 degrees east 20 chains and 34 links. Then south 21 chains and 50 links. to the center of So Hogan Creek"... and so on to the place of beginning. Purchased land Feb 1, 1849 from Arthur Vance for \$600, gave him \$200 and two notes of \$200 each, due March 1850 and March 1851.

During the summer of 1849 both Stephen Buffington and Arthur Vance died, presumably from the cholera epidemic which swept through the area that year. Both notes were unpaid. HF Wright administrator asked that all interested parties be summoned to show cause why land should not be sold, that is to say the interest of said Stephen Buffington under said notes, and his interest derived by purchase, from Elizabeth Buffington, her dower rights in the same, for the payment of debts aforesaid.

Courts ordered land appraised and sold to the highest bidder. Appraisers appraised the notes, together with Elizabeth Buffington's dower on the same, which Stephen Buffington had purchased from Elizabeth July 7, 1847 at \$250. Property to be sold at auction 28 Dec. 1850. The farm was sold to James Buffington for \$275; he also executed a note with good security for unpaid balance owed by Stephen Buffington at his death. . . . Administrator Wright was ordered to make James Buffington a deed conveying to him the interest of Stephen Buffington in land derived by purchase from Elizabeth Buffington of her dower as the widow of Jehiel Buffington. Roxanna Buffington was a witness to the sale between Stephen and Elizabeth July 7, 1847 when Elizabeth sold her dower to Stephen.

Correlating all of these findings with the Dearborn Co. marriage record we have assembled a tentative family group for Jehiel and Elizabeth and hope some descendants may come forward and help make it an accurate family. As far as we can ascertain the family includes:

1. Maria b 1820-1830 md 20 June 1839 John Flake. She died in Hancock Co. Ky. They had three children. (Ref 41) George W Flake b 23 May 1840 at Hancock Ky. Died in 1865 in the Civil War; Harriet Flake b 15 Mar 1843 at Hancock Ky. Died 22 July 1851; and Oliver Flake b 10 Aug 1846. No further data.
2. Mary A Buffington (John 1732, Joseph, Jehiel) b 1820-1830 md Sylvester Walker and had at least three children: George J (7 in 1850); William C (5 in 1850); Robert (4 in 1850).
3. A son born 1825-1830.
4. Nancy Buffington (John, Joseph, Jehiel) b 1825-1830 md Cabel Withrow. Had a son William H who was 3 in 1850. May have had others.
5. Roxanna b 1825-1830 Married John B Hayes. Had two known children and probably more. Clara E Hayes (13 in 1880); Fannie A Hayes (9 in 1880).
6. Probably Elizabeth who married Warren Lawrence 20 Dec 1849.

Section III DESCENDANTS OF JONATHAN BUFFINGTON (Joseph, John 1732)

Jonathan Buffington was the son of Joseph Buffington and Mahala Peters. He was born in Washington Co. Pa. probably in East Pike Run Twp or possibly before the Twp was set off from Fallowfield Twp. We find first mention of him in his grandfather's will in Washington County in 1804. (Ref 1) He had come with his mother and stepfather David Butler to Dearborn Co. in about 1798 and settled on Hogan Creek on Laughery Twp. (Ref 5) On the 12th of Sept 1814 Jonathan received title to the SE 1/4 of Section 4 in Twp 4 N Range 2W (26). He was a farmer in the summer and a river boat pilot in the seasons when crops did not demand his attention. About 1817 he married Jane Moore who was born Aug 22 1800 in Kentucky to John Moore and his wife believed to be Susan. They had six children in the next ten years before Jonathan died and left Jane with the complete care of the large family. She married a second time to Alexander Purdy but evidently the marriage was not a happy one as it ended in divorce only a little over two years later. They were married 30 Apr 1830 and divorced 24 Sept 1832, according to County records. Jane always kept the name of Purdy and my mother remembers hearing her called Grandmother Purdy. She was mother's greatgrandmother. Jane lived with her son John in Laughery Twp in 1850, and with son Charles in Hogan Twp in 1880. In the 1880 census she stated that both her parents were born in Scotland.

One reference says "Mrs. Jane Purdy was born in the county (note this must be wrong as she gave her birthplace as Ky.) in 1800. Her father John Moore settled on Laughery that year, and afterwards removed to the farm now owned (1880) by James Stafford in Washington Twp. During the War of 1812 the family took shelter in the block house near A Tufts, where they would remain for weeks at a time. Mrs. Purdy is the oldest native citizen known to the writer." (Ref 31) Here Shaw is quoting from another author Lane who wrote earlier. She died in Wilmington in 1882. I have not been able to locate her grave or find an obituary.

According to the deedBook A recorded on 20 Oct 1826, Jonathan received the title to the SW 1/4 of Sec 2 in Twp 4N R 2W from William Moore who was probably Jane's brother. This was probably land acquired by William at the death of his father. (Ref 51) This must have taken place about the time of Jonathan's death as he was dead when the circuit court records of Oct 9, 1827 show that Jonathan had "departed this life" before his suit came up on that day. (Ref 51 pg 14)

Jane Moore was one of five children of John Moore and Susan; Samuel; Sarah who married Robert Whitten; Jane who married Jonathan Buffington; William; and a daughter whose name is not known who married William Flake and died before her father's estate was settled. We believe they were all born in Kentucky before her parents crossed over into Indiana.

Children of JONATHAN BUFFINGTON and Jane Moore

1. John Buffington (Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 17 Nov 1818 in Dearborn Co. Throughout his life he was a farmer, blacksmith and riverboat pilot. He resided in the county all of his life. He lived in Wilmington at the time of his death 28 June 1899 and is buried in Wilmington Cemetery. We visited his grave and that of his wife and two sons when we were there in 1968. He married 1 July 1862 Eliza Jane Carbaugh the daughter of Abraham Carbaugh and Elizabeth Baker. According to her stone she was born 4 April 1824. Her age varies in the census so is probably not accurate. Real ladies did not tell their age in those days! Her mother's pension application gives the marriage date of her parents as 5 Feb 1814. John and Eliza had only three children, two of whom died in infancy.

1. William H Buffington (John, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 1853 Dearborn Co. died 1854. Buried in Wilmington Cemetery beside his parents.
2. Oscar David Buffington b 1855 Married Emma Younkers who had been previously married to a man named Langley. Oscar taught school in and around Aurora for several years and then moved to Kansas City Mo. He appears there in the city directory for many years. He is listed as inspector for the

American refrigerator transit company. He and Emma had one daughter, Helen who is mentioned in his obituary as Helen Schilke of Oxnard California. Inquiry there turned up no trace of the family. Oscar died in Kansas City 15 Sept 1941. His obituary appeared in the Kansas City Star. I have written to the paper several times but they will not send a copy.

3. John C Buffington (John, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 1860 Dearborn Co. Died age two. Buried beside his parents at Wilmington.

So far as we know this John, son of Jonathan has no living descendants. His obituary appeared in the Lawrenceburg Democrat as follows:

"John Buffington died at his residence in Wilmington on Monday morning June 28th at nine oclock, at the age of 81 years, seven months and 11 days. He was born on the 17th of Nov 1818 in Dearborn Co this state.

"On July 1 1852 he married Eliza Jane Carbaugh. To this union three children were born, two having died in infancy, leaving the son Oscar D and one granddaughter Helen, who with the widow and numerous other relatives and friends are left to mourn their loss.

"Mr. Buffington was one of the old pioneers of this county and one of the eldest citizens of Wilmington. His occupation was that of a riverboat pilot, but on account of defective eyesight he was compelled to abandon his chosen profession many years ago. His chief delight was in describing incidents and happenings that took place on his voyages. His young friends have followed him (in imagination) on many trips down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

"He was a kind husband and an honest upright citizen and was at peace with all mankind. He was a Mason and Odd Fellow for nearly forty years and was a charter member of Dearborn Lodge No 536 IOOF. He has filled all the offices of this lodge with credit and has been its representative several times at the grand lodge. During the ten weeks of his illness he never suffered an hour, but he realized that the end was near and put his trust in God. An hour before the summons came, having lost the power of speech, he reached for his companions hand and clasped it as tho to say goodbye.

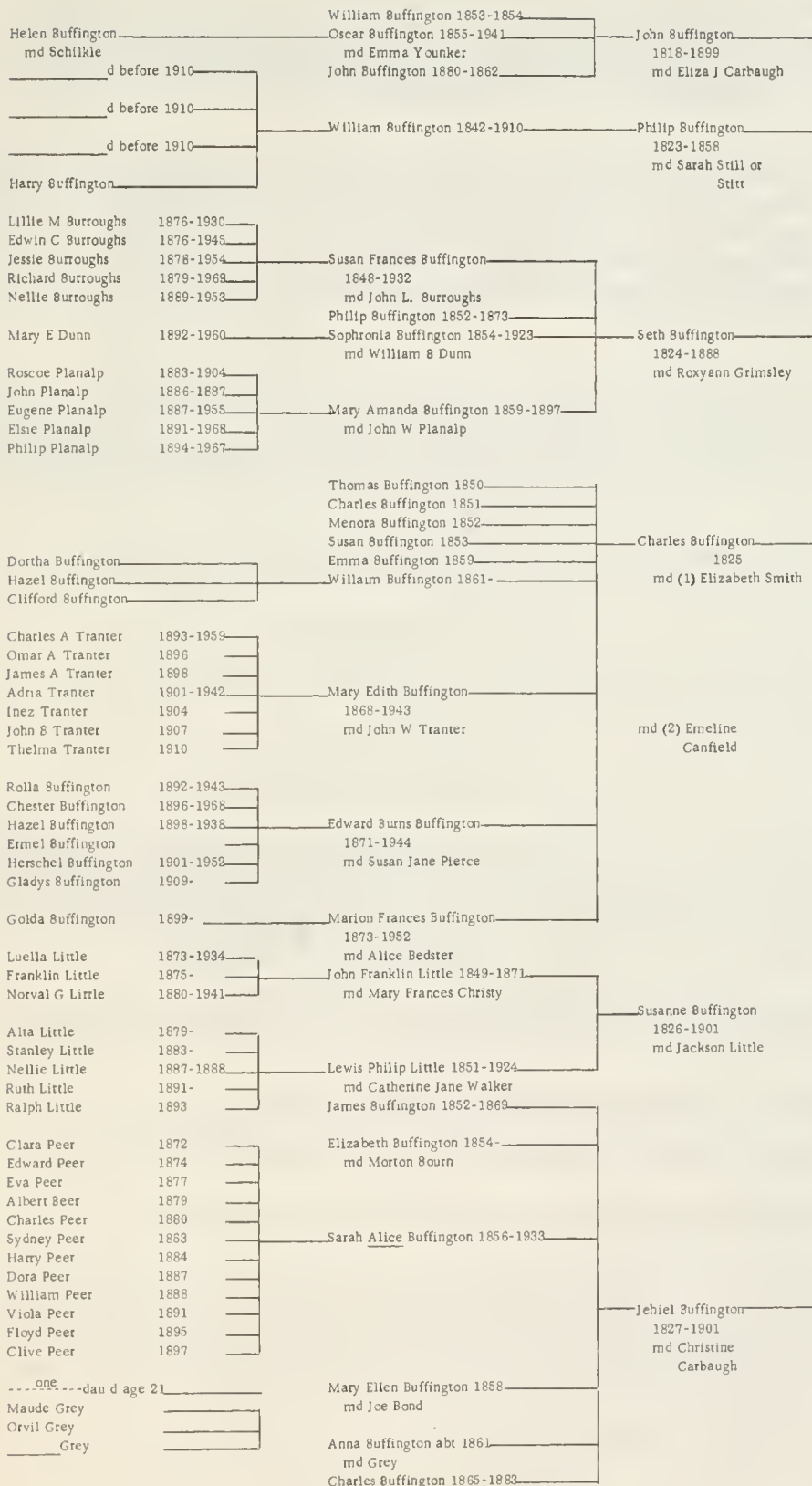
"The funeral solemnities took place at the ME Church Friday afternoon June 30, conducted by Rev. Isaac Turner assisted by Rev MW Reef, after which the IOOF conducted their burial ceremony and deposited the remains in Wilmington Cemetery."

II. Philip Buffington (Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 1823 d 1858 Buried in the Cemetery at Wilmington. (Ref 12-14) In the 1850 census in the town of Wilmington family #205 he is listed as a boatman with his wife Sarah and son William who was eight years old. We know very little about him. He married Sarah Stitt or Still. After his death Sarah continues to appear in the census with 18 year old William in 1860 and alone in 1880. Both William and Sarah are buried at Wilmington. They evidently had only one child, William. Extensive research has not located a descendant who can help us today.

William Buffington (Philip, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b abt 1842 in Dearborn Co Ind. He died 6 May 1910 in St. Joseph, Mo. Most of our information about him is taken from military and pension records. (42)

"Civil War record of Pvt William Buffington, Capt Ferry's Co., 7th Reg Ind Inf. (later Co. A 7th Regt); 19 years old, enrolled and joined for duty 23 Aug 1861, and on the muster roll 13 Sept 1861.

"On 28 Feb 1862 he was a nurse in hospital at Cumberland. He appears at age 22 as private in Co A 7th Regt Ind Infantry on the company muster out roll 20 Sept 1864 at Indianapolis Ind. He was a resident of Aurora Ind when he entered the service. When he mustered out \$8.92 was due him for clothing and \$100 as he was last paid to 29 Feb 1864."



Descendants of Jonathan Buffington (abt 1790-1827) & Jane Moore (1800-1882)
 of Washington Co Pa. and Dearborn Co Ind

"War Dept Adjutants office 9 Apr 1888

William Buffington was enrolled 5 Sept 1861 at Indianapolis for three years and is on the rolls to Dec 31, 1861. Jan and Feb 1862 absent. Nurse in the hospital in Cumberland Md March and April 1862, and on to 31 Aug 1862. Mustered out with his Company 20 Sept 1864 at Indianapolis Ind. Records of this office furnish no evidence of disability."

"Declaration of evidence for invalid pension under act of June 1890: On 12 July 1890 in Potowattomie Co Iowa, William H Buffington 44, a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa swore he was enrolled in 1861 in Co. A. 7th Ind Inf. and was honorably discharged in Aug 1864 at Indianapolis, Ind. He is unable to earn his support by reason of head trouble caused by sunstroke at Petersburg in 1864 causing nervous prostration. Witnesses were Daniel Carrigg and Frank R Levin. Bower of attorney was given to H.B. Zenby (Zerby). The two witnesses had known him ten years, filed 29 July 1890.

"Bureau of Pensions 4 Feb 1898

William H Buffington #941941, National Hotel, Leavenworth, Kansas. He stated he was married in Oct 1866 in Buchanan Co Mo. to Mary E Goslee by a Rev Dr Stewart, but did not know of any record of the marriage. He was divorced from her in Weston, Mo. in 1875. They had four children, three dead, and one living, Harry Buffington." Signed 25 Feb 1898

"6 June 1910 Order to US Pension agent in Topeka Kansas to drop from the roll pensioner William H Buffington, cert #941, 941, who died 6 May 1910"

"28 March 1911 in Buchanan Co Mo. Application for reimbursement

To John J Carroll, 45, a resident of St Josep Mo. Claim resulting from burial and last illness of William H Buffington, pensioner. The invalid soldier was married once to Mary Goslee, whom he divorced. She was dead at the time this application was made. He did not leave a child under 16 years of age. He did not leave any life insurance, money, real or personal estate, and no unindorsed pension checks. He left no will. John J Carroll was not a relative... merely a friend who cared for him in his last illness.

"The last sickness was pylorus carcinoma and began about 20 March 1910. He was sent to St Josephs hospital, St Joseph, Mo., after about 15 April as he required full time care. The physician was Dr Thomas M Paul. He died 6 May 1910 and was buried in Oakland Cemetery in St Joseph. Bills included \$52 due the physician; \$40.15 due the hosp.; \$3.95 for medicine; \$127.50 due the undertaker; \$2.35 for medicine taken before going to the hospital. John J Carroll lived at 123 North 32 St in St Joseph, Missouri. Buchanan Co."

We have tried to get some clue regarding the son Harry but have not succeeded. At the present time we know no living descendants.

III. Seth Buffington 1824-1828 Complete section devoted to his descendants. Pg. 14

IV. Charles Buffington b about 1825 Complete section devoted to his descendants. Pg. 31

V. Susanne Buffington b about 1826 Complete section devoted to her descendants. Pg. 41

VI. Jehiel Buffington (Jonathan, Joseph, John) (Ref 34) b 16 Aug 1827 in Dearborn Co Indiana, died 2 Jan. 1901 at Gilman, Jasper Co Iowa. Buried Hickory Grove Cemetery, Jasper Co Iowa near Newburg (Ref 18) Md 15 Dec 1848 to Christine Carbaugh daughter of Abraham Carbaugh and Elizabeth Baker. Died in the home of her daughter Mary Ellen Bond in Libertyville, Ill in 1910. She is also buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery. They had six children: James W; Elizabeth; Sarah Alice; Mary Ellen; Anna; and Charles A.

1. James W Buffington (Jehiel, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 1852 in Dearborn Co, died age 17 in Dearborn Co.

2. Elizabeth Buffington (Jehiel, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 1854 Dearborn Co. ind Morton Bourne.
3. Sarah Alice Buffington (Jehiel, Jonathan, John 1732) born 30 March 1856 in Dearborn Co Ind died 3 Feb 1933 Los Angeles, California. Buried in Westminster Memorial Park Los Angeles. She married 10 Nov 1870 James Peer. They had twelve children.
 - (1) Clara Elizabeth b 19 May 1872 in Jasper Co Iowa. Md 2 Dec 1907 to Mr. Ehrlick. Lived in National City California in 1951 at 2529 F Ave.
 - (2) Edward Hayes Peer b 30 May 1874 in Jasper Co Iowa
 - (3) Eva May Peer b 20 Jan 1877 Jasper Co Iowa ind 5 July 1905 to William Pease. She died 3 July 1941 in Marshall Co Iowa
 - (4) Albert Clay Peer b 14 June 1879 Jasper Co Iowa
 - (5) Charles Eugene Peer b 16 Sept 1880 in Marshall Co Iowa
 - (6) Sydney Dickerson Peer b 21 Jan 1883 Marshall Co Iowa d 1943
 - (7) Harry Clayton Peer b 26 Sept 1884 Marshall Co Iowa d in Chicago
 - (8) Dora Ethel Peer b 1 Oct 1887 Jasper Co Iowa
 - (9) William Orley Peer b 6 Apr 1888 in Tama Co Iowa d 1945 in Naper, California
 - (10) Viola Belle Peer b 27 July 1891 Tama Co Iowa
 - (11) Floyd Arlington Peer b 5 July 1895 Tama Co Iowa
 - (12) Clive Roland Peer b 28 June 1897 Tama Iowa
4. Mary Ellen Buffington (Jehiel, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) Born 1858 in Dearborn Co Ind, married Joe Bond. Had one child a girl who died at age 21. They lived in Libertyville, Ill.
5. Anna Buffington (Jehiel, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) Born about 1860 in Dearborn Co Ind. Married a Mr. Gray. Three children born in Iowa: Maude who lived at 236 North 18th in Kansas City; Oryne who died in Washington state; and a third child whose name is not known.
6. Charles A Buffington (Jehiel, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) Born 19 Feb 1865 in Dearborn Co Ind. Died 5 Jan 1883 in Jasper Co Iowa. Buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Jasper Co near Newburg.

Part I Section IV

THE DESCENDANTS OF SETH BUFFINGTON (Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) AND HIS WIFE ROXYANN GRIMSLEY

My Great-grandparents

Seth Buffington was the third child and third son born into the home of Jonathan Buffington and his wife Jane Moore on a farm near Hogan Creek in Laughery Twp (now Hogan) in Dearborn Co Indiana. He was born the 6th of Feb 1824. Two more sons and one daughter joined the family before the death of the father in 1827. The mother Jane was left with a family of six children the oldest nine years. We have no story of her struggles and privations but I feel sure life was not easy for her in that primitive community along Hogan Creek. I suppose the sons had to work hard to help the mother support the family. She married for two years as indicated in a previous section but since it did not last I think the sons must have taken over the burden at a very young age. Of their life at home we know nothing. Seth was married 15 April 1846 to Roxyann Grimsley, daughter of Silas and Jane Grimsley who lived in Washington Twp in Ripley County just over the line from Dearborn. We do not know how he happened to meet a girl from another county. We assume that he brought her as a bride to his farm in Sec 33 Twp 5N R 2W in Hogan Twp. Dearborn Co. As far as we know they lived there until they moved to Iowa in 1868. Our cousin William Grimsley who lived in Denver when we were there about 1950, said he went with his parents to say goodbye to Uncle Seth and Roxyann when they left for Iowa. His father Fielding Grimsley told the boy that Uncle Seth was making a smart move as he could never get ahead on that farm. William said Seth farmed five sides of the land, "the top and all four perpendicular sides." We saw the farm when we visited there in 1968 and it is indeed a rough piece of land, probably not much more progressive than it was a hundred years ago. One wonders why he chose that when land must have been so abundant then. But it was on the creek and that was very important to them. Seth left without selling the farm and his brother-in-law sold it for him later.

With Seth on the trip to Iowa in covered wagons were his wife Roxyann and their four children: Susan Frances, Philip, Sophronia, and Mary Amanda. In the same wagon train was Jehiel Buffington, Seth's brother with his family of six children; Jerome Walker and his wife Sally who was Roxyann's sister; and their son John Walker who with Ben McKittrick had received land in Iowa as an army grant and settled on it three years before. There may have been others. I wish someone had kept an account of the happenings as they travelled across Indiana, Illinois, crossed the mighty Mississippi and came into Iowa. But none did! Or if they did it has been lost to us their children.

Seth settled on land in Hickory Grove Twp., Jasper Co. Iowa near the land of my great-grandfather Burroughs who called his place Hickory Grove Stock Farm. The house was still standing, occupied and in good condition when we visited in Iowa in 1968. I have a picture of it. Here they lived when the daughter Susan Frances married John Lockhart Burroughs my grandfather, on the 24th of Feb 1875. Later they moved to a farm further south and east adjoining the farm of Jerome Walker. It was in the neighborhood of the old Methodist Protestant Church. Here Uncle Will Dunn and Sophronia Buffington Dunn lived with their daughter Mary Elizabeth when we were children. It is now owned by Harold McCulloch and he has built a beautiful new brick home to replace the old Buffington house we knew as children.

Mother told me that Seth was a tall thin man and was very stooped. He was very good natured and easy to get along with. The grandmother Roxyann suffered from dyspepsia and was more inclined to peevishness. Seth always prided himself on being a good "little Farmer." He did not want a lot of land as so many did, but preferred to farm more intensively. He had only 80 acres but it was all paid for and he needed but little money. He was a great gardener and raised large quantities of produce which he stored in a big hole in the ground. He roofed it over and covered it with dirt except for a small door which would admit a ladder or his long stick with a hook on the end of it. Mother says she enjoyed watching him hook heads of cabbage, bundles of carrots and so on. He kept dairy cows, bees, and animals for meat. They ate very well from abundant stores of meat, milk, cheese, honey, smearcase (cottage cheese), and vegetables of all kind. They did not store ice for summer as many did but supplies kept well in a very good cave.

Seth and Roxyann went to Storm Lake Iowa one Christmas to visit their daughter Mary Planalp, and Seth died

there very suddenly on Dec. 24, 1888. His body was returned to Hickory Grove Cemetery for burial. His wife lived another ten years before she was buried there beside him and the son Philip who died from typhoid shortly after they came from Indiana.

Children of Seth and Roxyann include: (1) Susan Frances, (2) Philip, (3) Sophronia, (4) Mary Amanda

I. Susan Frances Buffington (Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b July 2, 1948 d 10 Dec 1932. See separate section on her descendants. Pg. 17

II. Philip Buffington (Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 15 Jan 1852 in Dearborn Co Ind. Came to Iowa with his parents and died of typhoid at the age of 21, 16 Oct 1873. He is buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery, a half mile east and half mile north of their farm in Jasper Co, Hickory Grove Twp. Unmarried.

III. Sophronia Buffington (Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 17 Nov 1854 in Washington Twp (formerly Laughery or Hogan) Dearborn Co Ind. d 28 Dec 1923 at Albuquerque, New Mexico where her daughter Mary had gone for her health. Md 3 Sept 1879 to William Berry Dunn b 23 Sept 1854 in Peoria Ill. to Richard C Dunn and Sarah Marvin. Farmed in Hickory Grove Twp, Jasper Co Iowa from his marriage until his death. He was a very kindly friendly man, deeply religious. I remember him as a portly gentleman of means with silver gray hair. He died 24 Oct 1921 at a hospital in Des Moines where he had gone for a prostatectomy.

Uncle Will and "Aunt Fronie" had only one child, Mary Elizabeth Dunn who was born on the farm in Hickory Grove Twp 8 Sept 1892. She contracted tuberculosis at a very early age and spent most of her life "chasing a cure" as she called it. She died of a heart attack in Albuquerque, New Mexico 6 Feb 1960 and was buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery beside her parents. Mary attended college in Oskaloosa, Iowa several years and at one time was engaged to a fine young man but her health would not permit her to take on the responsibilities of marriage so she remained single all of her life.

IV. Mary Amanda Buffington (Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) (Ref 20, 21, 52) b 19 Apr 1859 in Washington Twp (formerly Laughery or Hogan) in Dearborn Co Ind. D 12 July 1897 at Storm Lake, Buena Vista Co Iowa of cancer of the breast. Md. 13 Dec 1879 in Jasper Co Iowa to John W Planalp son of John Planalp and Margaret Van Bergen both from Switzerland. Margaret's people were from Gottenen, Switzerland, and came to Sullivan Co NY in 1852. Their son John was born in Ripley Co Ind 28 Aug 1855 and died 14 July 1921 at Storm Lake, Buena Vista Co Iowa. He md (2) Louise Walz. No issue.

Children of the first marriage to Mary Amanda included (1) Roscoe, (2) John Isaac, (3) Henry Eugene, (4) Elsie, (5) Philip Grant.

1. Roscoe Charles Planalp (Mary Amanda, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 8 Oct 1883 d 5 Feb 1904. Unmarried.

2. John Isaac Planalp (Mary Amanda, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 4 Sept 1886, d 28 Jan 1887

3. Henry Eugene Planalp ("Gene") (Mary Amanda, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 23 Sept 1887 at Storm Lake Iowa d 27 July 1955 at Souix City Iowa. Md 16 July 1914 to Nellie Franklin daughter of John Franklin and Bridgett Shine. Nellie was b 2 June 1886 at Williams Iowa. They had one son.

(1) John Franklin Planalp (Henry Eugene, Mary Amanda, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) 561 Hazel Ave., Oskosh, Wis. b 23 Aug 1917 at Souix City, Woodbury Co Iowa. Md 8 Mar 1943 to Mary Jane Scott dau of Earl Alvin Scott and Florence Irene Bostwick. Mary Jane 5 26 June 1918, Eau Claire, Wis. They have two sons.

1. John Robert Planalp (John Franklin, Henry Eugene, Mary Amanda, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 9 Feb 1949 at Mason City, Iowa.

2. John Eugene Planalp (John Franklin, Henry Eugene, Mary Amanda, son Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 30 June 1851 at Mason City, Iowa.

4. Elsie Mae Planalp (Mary Amanda, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 6 Oct at Storm Lake, Buena Vista, Iowa. D. 22 May 1968 at Buena Park, California. Buried at Storm Lake, Iowa in the Methodist Cemetery. Md. (1) 1918 to Edward Kreger son of William and Christene Kreger. He died 6 Apr 1924. They had one child. (2) 19 Aug 1929 to Lee Milius Randall son of John Randall and Hattie Milius. They had two children.

Child of first marriage (Ref 19)

- (1) Arthur Edward Kreger 8637 Kendor Drive, Buena Park, Calif. b 30 Dec 1921 at Larell, Cherokee Co, Iowa. md 27 Dec 1947 Maria Jos Welker b 16 May 1924 in Munich, Germany Children:

1. Linda Kreger b 15 Jan 1949 at Merced, Calif.

Children of second marriage Elsie Mae Planalp:

- (1) Juanita Lea Randall (Elsie, Mary Amanda, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) 1221 1/2 78th, Des Moines, Iowa. B 30 Oct 1930 Storm Lake, Iowa. Md. Redko Farmer. Children:

1. Carla b 13 Apr 1952

2. Jerry

- (2) Harriet Jean Randall (Elsie, Mary Amanda, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 12 Feb 1931 at Storm Lake, Iowa md (1) Harold Woepfel who died 21 June 1961 had daughter Shelly Woepfel b 21 Jan 1954 at Payton, Greene Co Iowa. Shelly Lynn was adopted by Clovis C. Roberts, Harriet Jean's second husband. Harriet md (2) Clovis Chester Roberts son of Roy Roberts and Helen Leber. He was born 21 June 1925. They have a son Joel Clovis Roberts b 8 July 1967 at Storm Lake. They live at Eagle River, Alaska PO #311 99577.

5. Philip Grant Planalp (Mary Amanda, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 10 Dec 1894 in Storm Lake, Iowa and died 12 Mar 1967 in Chicago, Ill. Md 27 Nov 1918 Grace Emma Hitchcock b 14 Feb 1895 at Cherokee, Iowa, dau of Daniel Hubert Hitchcock and Jane Elizabeth Mahoney. No Issue. Grace lives at 880 Lakeshore Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Descendants of Susan Frances Buffington (Seth 1824, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732)

OBITUARY - SUSAN FRANCES BURROUGHS

Susan Frances Burroughs, daughter of Seth and Roxie Ann Buffington, was born at Aurora, Dearborn county, Indiana, July 2, 1848, and passed away at her home in Newburg, Iowa, Saturday, December 10, 1932, at the age of 84 years, 4 months and 10 days.

In 1868 the family moved from Indiana travelling in a covered wagon, and settled on a farm about three miles west of the present town of Newburg. The first night after their arrival was spent in a small frame shack that was without a roof. Those were pioneer days when the country was raw and new, when neighbors were few, and the conditions of life were hard and elemental. Oxen were still in use on the farms, log houses were not uncommon, schools were extremely elementary and churches were scarce. Although conditions on the farm in that distant day were plain, and barren of comforts and conveniences, they developed rugged, wholesome, worthy lives, and the young woman and others of the family quickly adapted themselves to the new conditions, and became an important part of the developing life about them.

On February 24, 1875, she was married to Mr. J. L. Burroughs. The wedding took place on the farm southwest of Newburg where Emory Brown now lives, and which was then the home of the bride's parents. Immediately following the marriage the young people moved onto what has since been known as the Hickory Grove farm. Here all the children were born and grew up. They are Mrs. Lillie Stoaks, who passed away November 7, 1930, her twin brother, Edwin C. Burroughs of Newburg, Mrs. Jesse Murphy of Coggan, Iowa, Richard M. Burroughs and Mrs. Nellie Newcomer, both of Newburg.

In 1892 the family moved from the Hickory Grove farm to the one near Newburg where they resided until after the death of Mr. Burroughs which occurred on April 12, 1909. The following year Mrs. Burroughs and Edwin moved to the present home in Newburg.

While yet young, she united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and was for many years a devoted member of the M. E. church southwest of town. After coming to Newburg she transferred her membership to the Congregational church. Until the growing weakness of age rendered it impossible, she attended the services of the church regularly, and always manifested a keen interest in all its activities.

Mrs. Burroughs had an unusual capacity for friendship. She never seemed happier than when she had friends calling on her, or when she could call at their homes. Hers was a plain, simple life, but one that radiated a wholesome, kindly influence, and one that was characterized by the industry and frugality that marked the hardy pioneer.

Besides the relatives already mentioned there are, deploring her loss, fifteen grand children, three great-grandchildren and a host of people proud of the privilege of calling her friend.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. W. B. Wilson were held at the Congregational church in Newburg on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock. The pallbearers were George Lane, Jr., Lloyd Stoaks, George Palmer, Oliver Mulford, George Murphy, and Carl Newcomer. George and Thomas Mason sang three beautiful old hymns that were in common use when grandmother Burroughs was in her prime and attended church in the country. The body was interred in the family lot in the Hickory Grove cemetery.

OBITUARY - JOHN LOCKHART BURROUGHS
(Written for The Register)

John Lockhart Burroughs was born in a log house, built by his father, in southeastern Indiana, on January 15, 1854. In 1865 he came overland with his father's family to establish the Burroughs homestead in Hickory Grove, Jasper county, Iowa. During his twenty-first year his father, William Burroughs, died, leaving him, the oldest surviving son, to shoulder the responsibility of the affairs of his mother and younger brothers and sisters. This he did with a fidelity and wisdom that would do credit to an older and more experienced man. He early recognized the claims of the church and community upon him, and was ever ready to assist heartily any enterprise that was for the general good.

As the years went by, his neighbors learned to value his counsel and assistance, and there were few matters of local interest in which he had not his full share of responsibility. He was president of the Newburg Farmers' Elevator company until it was thoroughly established, and then resigned and devoted his strength to the founding of the Newburg Savings bank of which he was president at the time of his death.

He was united in marriage to Susan Frances Buffington in 1875, and she, with their two sons, and three daughters live to hold him in grateful remembrance.

He was a man of even, charitable temper and rare judgment, and was quick to recognize the rights and interests of others, and firm in his maintenance of sound principles and lofty ideals. He had his full share in preserving the integrity of the family name, and his Christian influence will long be felt in the community in which he lived.

The burial services were held at the Newburg Congregational church, conducted by his pastor and personal friend, Rev. H. L. Wisler, and his body was laid to rest in the family lot, near that of his father and brother Richard, in the Hickory Grove cemetery.

EDWIN BURROUGHS OF NEWBURG, PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY

Edwin C. Burroughs, age 68, of Newburg community passed away in a local hospital Sunday morning April 15, after a long infirmity. He was born in Hickory Grove township, Jasper county on May 31, 1876, and has lived all his life in that vicinity.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Newburg Congregational church. Burial will be in the Hickory Grove cemetery.

Part I Section V

DESCENDANTS OF SUSAN FRANCES BUFFINGTON (Seth 1824, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732)

B 2 July 1848 Laughery Twp (now Wash) Dearborn Co Ind. D 10 Dec 1932 Newburg, Jasper Co Iowa. M 24 Feb 1875 Hickory Grove Twp Jasper Co Iowa to John Lockhart Burroughs son of William Jesse Burroughs and Priscilla Breeden. B 15 Jan 1854 near Versailles, Ripley Co Ind. He d 13 Apr 1909 on the farm bordering Newburg on the SE. in Hickory Grove, Jasper Co Iowa and is buried at Hickory Grove Cem. They had five children whose family records follow later in detail.

1. Lillie May m Linnie Bird Stoaks below
2. Edwin Centennial, page 21
3. Jessie m Ashel Murphy, page 21
4. Richard m Alma Newcomer, page 29
5. Nellie, m Edward Newcomer, page 30

1. Lillie May Burroughs (Susan F Buffington, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 31 May 1876 (a twin of Edwin) Newburg, Jasper Co Iowa on the farm 3 mi wels and half mile so of Newburg Iowa called Hickory Grove Stock Farm. D 7 Nov 1930 near Newburg, Jasper Co Iowa. Bur at Hickory Grove Cem. M 6 Feb 1896 at Newburg Iowa Linnie Bird Stoaks b 6 Aug 1871 at Donahue, Scott Co Iowa son of Peter O Stoaks and Nancy Ann Helm. D 5 Nov 1939 at Newburg Iowa. Linnie m (2) Mrs. Edna M Bell of Newburg.

OBITUARY - MRS. LILLIE MAY STOAKS

The Friday before November 11, 1930, from Grinnell Herald

Lillie May Stoaks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burroughs, was born on the home farm in Hickory Grove township May 31, 1876. There her girlhood years were spent amidst healthy, happy rural surroundings. There she attended country school and entered into the quiet, sturdy life of the neighborhood. Out of this wholesome environment, and the atmosphere of a fine Christian home emerged this sunny life whose gracious influence on the community has deepened with the passing years.

She was just a young girl when she united with the Hickory Grove M. E. church, and at the time of her death she was a member of the Newburg Congregational church. Between these two events stretch the years of deep but quiet devotion--years of a simple faith that was revealed in the tender love she unstintedly bestowed upon her family and friends, and in a serene walk in the ways of her God.

In 1889 the family moved to a farm a half mile southeast of Newburg. Here, on February 6, 1896, she was united in marriage to L. B. Stoaks. The young couple spent about eleven years farming in Hickory Grove township and then moved to North Dakota where they went through the hard experiences of pioneer life for seven years. Following this sojourn they settled on their present farm where they have since resided continuously except for a year's stay in Newburg. It was in this home that Mrs. Stoaks passed away last Friday afternoon at the age of 54 years, 5 months and 6 days. She had been in poor health for several years, but her illness had not become acute until the last two years. She bore her afflictions with patience and resignation, and maintained a cheerful spirit to the end.

Four children came to the home, two of whom died in infancy. A daughter, Mrs. Ruth Turney of Grinnell, and a son, Lloyd of Newburg, survive her. Also there are still living to mourn with these her untimely and tragic going, the husband and life companion, her aged mother, Mrs. Frances Burroughs, two brothers, Eddie and Richard M. Burroughs, two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Murphy and Mrs. Nellie Newcomer and a granddaughter, Gladys Turney.

What was said of a good woman long years ago may fitly be said of her: "She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

The funeral conducted by Rev. W. B. Wilson, was held at the Congregational church at Newburg Monday afternoon, and the body laid at rest beside that of her father in Hickory Grove cemetery.

Children

1. Ruth Gayle Stoaks b 27 Feb 1897 at Newburg, Jasper Co Iowa, m 26 Feb 1918 George Turney who died shortly after the birth of the first and only child. Ruth lives in Marshalltown, Marshall Co Iowa. She has always been a most industrious worker and spent much of her time helping other people, and was like a second mother to her grandchildren.

Child:

- (1) Gladys Irene Turney b 28 Mar 1919 at Grinnell Iowa, m 1935 Elmer Weaver son of John Weaver and Helen Paul b at Laurel Iowa 17 Dec 1914. They have six children all born at Grinnell Iowa. At present they live in Marshalltown. Elmer drives a big semi-trailer truck.

Children:

1. Larry Neil Weaver b 27 Apr 1937, m 1963 Victoria Edens.

Children:

- (1) Cherie Ann b May 1964
- (2) Chad Mitchell b 18 Oct 1967

2. Jimmie Dale Weaver b 14 Mar 1939, m 1 July 1967 Glenna Huff dau of Billie and Wilma.
3. Beverly Re Jean Weaver b 29 Aug 1940, m 5 Dec 1964 Gerald Pennington son of Orin who had one dau Deborah by a first marr.
4. Connie Joyce Weaver b 28 June 1942, m 1960 Richard Jamell son of Salem and Sis.

Children:

- (1) Jamie Lou (female) b 22 Jan 1961
- (2) Gerald Dean b 13 Feb 1962
- (3) Timothy Lee b 3 June 1963

5. Patsy Yvonne b 10 Nov 1943, m Daniell Vanatta.

Children:

- (1) Troy Lee b 30 Sep 1961

6. Dennis Weaver b 30 July 1946, m 1966 to Karen Schumann

Children:

- (1) Kibbie Kay (female) 14 Mar 1967

2. Leotto Stoaks born dead 1 Apr 1903
3. John Lloyd Burroughs Stoaks (Lloyd B) (Lillie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) (Ref 24) b 16 Jan 1906 at Newburg Iowa, m 6 Mar 1930 Bernice Strand b 9 Nov 1908 at Newburg Iowa, only

child of Edwin Strand and Louis Greene. Lloyd spent his life in and around Newburg except for a few years when his parents lived in Spiritwood North Dakota. He was postmaster in Newburg for years until the post office was joined to the Kellogg office. He and his wife Bernice who has an enviable reputation as a good cook, owned restaurants in several times. Lloyd was a fine carpenter. At present he has charge of the buildings at the Newburg School and Bernice cooks at the hospital in Grinnell. They have four children.

- (1) Richard Arlen Stoaks b 2 May 1931 at Newburg Iowa, m Margaret Ann Jones dau of Clifford. They have four children:

1. Anthony J Stoaks b 10 Dec 1950 at Grinnell
2. Mary Lou Ann Stoaks b 22 Feb 1955 at Grinnell
3. Elizabeth Jeanne Stoaks b 7 Jan 1961 at Grinnell
4. Scott Douglas Stoaks b 27 Feb 1963 at Grinnell

Lives at 401 Sharon Parkway, Golden, Colorado 80401

- (2) Gary Wayne Stoaks b 24 Mar 1934 at Newburg, Iowa, m 22 Feb 1959 to Carolyn Johnson dau of Kenneth James Johnson and Sarah Wilhelmina Jensma. Lives at 500 Sunshine Parkway Golden, Colorado 80401.

Children:

1. Grant Burroughs Stoaks b 22 Jan 1960 at Newton, Jasper Co Iowa
2. Timothy Bryan Stoaks b June 1961 at Newton, Jasper, Iowa
3. Christine Louise Stoaks b 20 Apr 1964 at Wheatridge, Colorado

- (3) Sammy Kaye Stoaks (John Lloyd, Lillie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 28 Feb 1940 at Newburg Iowa, m Linda Hughes.

Children:

1. Thomas Dean Stoaks b 30 Nov 1961, child of Linda's first marriage adopted by Sammy
2. Shelby Rene b 2 Sep 1965 at Grinnell

- (4) John Edwin Stoaks b 30 Mar 1949 at Grinnell Iowa, m Frances Verbenia Howerton, b 25 Mar 1951, md Sept 1968.

2. Edwin Centennial Burroughs (Susan Frances, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) 5 31 May 1876 twin of Lillie, d 15 Apr 1945 buried at Hickory Grove Cem, Jasper Co Iowa. Unmarried. "Eddie" had infantile paralysis as a baby and was crippled. He made his home with his parents on the farm until his father's death and then in Newburg with his mother as long as she lived. During the later years of his life it was necessary to place him in a nursing home for care. He was a well known citizen in the little town of Newburg. He met every incoming train. In his younger days he was an immaculate dresser. His specialty was his shiny shoes. He often polished them several times a day. He was never able to have a job but was very good to help his mother as much as he could.
3. Jessie Burroughs (Susan Frances, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) b 18 Feb 1878 at Hickory Grove Stock Farm west of Newburg Iowa, d Nov 8 1954 at St Francis Hospital in Grinnell, Iowa, m 24 June 1903 at the Burroughs farm adjoining Newburg on the SE to Ashel Kent Murphy, son of Daniel Washington Murphy and Clarinda Holmes. B 24 Nov 1873 in Buena Vista Twp, Jasper Co Iowa. d 29 Dec 1940 at Hickory Grove Stock Farm west of Newburg Iowa. Ashel was a graduate from the school of Business at Valpariso, Ind., and spent his life in banking, farming and stock raising in and around Newburg and at Bessemer, Ala (from abt 1902-1909). Jessie was a graduate of Grinnell College in the class of 1902. She taught school in the schools of Newburg and Newton for a short time before

her marriage. She majored in Greek and Latin but spent her life on the farm to raise her large family. She was always active in community affairs and frequently took time out from her busy days to lend a helping hand to neighbors and friends.

JESSIE MURPHY DIES MONDAY AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jessie Murphy, lifelong resident of the Newburg community, died early Monday morning, Nov. 8, at a local hospital following a long illness. She was 76 years old.

Mrs. Murphy had entered the hospital last Wednesday following an illness in which she had been bedfast for nearly two weeks.

Widow of the late A. K. Murphy, Newburg banker, Mrs. Murphy had been staying at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Estal in Grinnell.

Born and reared at Newburg, she had spent her entire life in the community, except for short periods when she had resided in other Iowa communities and a short time in Alabama. Mr. Murphy died in 1940.

Mrs. Murphy was a graduate of Grinnell college.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Wayne Estal of Grinnell, Mrs. Jack Lepre of Massapequa, New York, Mrs. George Lane of Ft. Collins, Colo., Mrs. William McMeen of Denver, Mrs. Ted Melsheimer of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., Mrs. Dumont Watson of Lake Port, Calif.; and three sons, John of Buffalo, New York, William of Baldwinsville, N.Y., and George of Detroit.

A brother, Richard Burroughs of Newburg and several grandchildren and great grandchildren, also survive.

James Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and burial will be at Hickory Grove cemetery at Newburg.

Friends are invited to call the funeral home to learn of funeral arrangements.

OBITUARY - JESSIE BURROUGHS MURPHY

Grinnell Herald, Thursday, November 18, 1954, Grinnell, Iowa

Jessie Burroughs Murphy was born in Hickory Grove township, Jasper County, Iowa, on February 18, 1878. She was the third of five children born to Susan Frances Buffington and John Lockhart Burroughs. Her brothers were Edwin C., and Richard M. Her sisters were Lillie May Starks and Nellie Newcomer. Only her brother, Richard of Newburg, survives her.

Mrs. Murphy spent her early girlhood on the Hickory Grove farm to which her grandfather came as a pioneer in 1865. The family moved in 1892 to a farm adjoining Newburg.

She attended the Iowa Academy and in 1902 was graduated from Grinnell college. Following her graduation she taught in the Jasper County schools.

On June 24, 1903, she was married to Ashel Kent Murphy, of Newton, and as a bride went with her husband to Bessemer, Ala. Her three older children were born in Bessemer. The family returned to Iowa in 1909, and Mr. Murphy helped organize the Newburg Savings Bank where he served as cashier until 1932. The family lived in the village of Newburg for a short time before moving to the Burroughs family farm adjoining Newburg. Here six of her children were born.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy lived there and reared their family of nine children until Mr. Murphy joined the staff of the State Banking Department in 1932. They subsequently lived in Coggen, Albion, and Marshalltown, then returned to establish a home on the Hickory Grove farm in 1938.

Mr. Murphy passed away suddenly on the farm, December 29, 1940. She spent the remaining years visiting her children, traveling thousands of miles by plane from coast to coast to be with them. During this time she cared for her aunt, Mrs. Susan Burroughs Child, of Grinnell, from 1944 until Mrs. Child died in 1949.

She was a member of the Congregational church of Newburg and was active in school, church and community affairs. Her particular enjoyment, aside from her family and friends, was her flowers and gardens. During her residence in Grinnell she was an active member of the Grinnell Historical Club.

Among the happy occasions of her late life were her participation in the Golden Anniversary reunion of her Grinnell college classmates in June, 1952, and her attendance at the Golden Wedding Anniversary observance for Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Burroughs in November, 1953.

It was her great pleasure during later years to anticipate and attend reunions with her children and their families which are held every five years, and to be present at the Murphy family reunions held each summer in Newton.

Mrs. Murphy is survived by her nine children: Mrs. George H. Lane, of Fort Collins, Colo.; Mrs. W. O. McMeen, of Denver, Colo.; John D. Murphy, of Buffalo, N.Y.; Mrs. Jack F. Lepre, of Massapequa, N.Y.; Mrs. Ted Melsheimer, of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.; George W. Murphy, of Birmingham, Mich.; Mrs. Dumont Watson, of Lakeport, Calif.; Mrs. Wayne Estal, of Grinnell; and William H. Murphy, of Syracuse, N.Y. She has seventeen living grandchildren.

Her parents said she was a wonderful daughter; her husband said she was a wonderful wife; and her children say she was a wonderful mother.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

On Wednesday evening of the 24th last occurred the marriage of Miss Jessie Burroughs to Mr. Ashiel Murphy of Bessemer, Ala. The ceremony took place at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burroughs, the bride's parents, seven miles northwest of Grinnell. At the appointed hour the contracting parties appeared on the beautifully lighted lawn where a hundred and fifty of their friends had gathered to meet them. They took their place beneath a floral arch upon the flagstone walk where Rev. Mr. Robinson of Kellogg, pastor of the M. E. Church, read the service and pronounced the words which completed the work of joining the fortunes of this happy couple. The little flower girls were Mary Dunn and Ruth Stoaks of Newburg, Florence Burroughs of Grinnell, and Ethel Adams of Galesburg, Ill. The feast of good things that followed the ceremony was heartily enjoyed by the whole company, and the tokens of the esteem in which these young people are held were abundant.

It is difficult to imagine a set of surroundings and conditions more propitious than those attending this union. Both of the parties are in the prime of youth and vigor, and to an unusual degree fitted by education and training to take their places in the active and joyful life of this, their native country.

Mrs. Murphy is the daughter of two pioneer families, both having settled in this community in the sixties. Better than this, she is a graduate of Iowa College, one of the best institutions for mental, physical and moral training in the middle west. Since her graduation in 1902 she has been engaged in teaching, having been employed in the graded schools of Newton, Iowa.

Mr. Murphy is the son of D. W. Murphy of Newton, Iowa. His early years were spent on his father's farm where he learned well the lessons of honesty and industry, and adding to this the schooling available as he grew.

Later he went to Valparaiso, Ind., where he took a course of study in the Northern Indiana Normal School. On returning to Iowa, he entered the teachers' ranks, which he deserted about three years ago to accept a position with the Bessemer Land and Improvement Company, of Bessemer, Ala. He appears to be one of the kind of Iowa farmers' sons who are in demand.

After visiting Chicago and other points of interest, they expect to settle at Bessemer, where they will be at home to their friends after July fifteenth. Among the guests from a distance were Miss Hall of Newton, Mrs. B. D. Adams of Galesburg, Ill., Mr. Geo. Fish and wife of Osage, Mr. John Planalp, Jr., of Storm Lake, and D. W. Murphy and family of Newton.

Grinnell Herald - Grinnell, Iowa

The following editorial from the August 1st, 1935, Newton Daily News, Newton, Ia., will be of interest to the friends of A. K. Murphy.

DID A GOOD JOB "A.K."

Last night we noticed in The Daily News an item that aroused more than passing interest. The Newburg Savings bank is paying out another 10 per cent dividend, making a total of 80 per cent in all. And the attorney for the receiver and the receiver announced that more payments could be expected.

As we read further and noticed that upwards of \$40,000 remain on the books as assets from which some funds may be expected to be collected, we couldn't help but feel that after all it was too bad that this bank had to close. Some talk has lead us to believe that the chances of the bank paying out 100 per cent is not altogether out of the question. At any rate it is going to pay out well, and that in spite of the extra expense that always accompanies a receivership and so forth.

A. K. Murphy was head of that bank for years. He was head of it when it closed its doors back in the dark days of the early thirties. The record that it shows in paying dividends to its depositors should in a very real measure reflect the fine work that he did in managing its affairs during the trying times of the inflation and the depression. And even after the bank had to close, it now looks as though "A.K." was still running a good institution and doing a good job. He deserves a hand of real commendation.

ASHEL MURPHY WAS NEWBURG CIVIC LEADER

Helped Found Bank, Consolidate School in That Community.

NEWBURG (Special) -- Ashel Kent Murphy was born on a farm near Newton, Iowa, on November 24, 1873, the son of Daniel and Clarinda Murphy. He was the third child in a family of eight children; five are still living--two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Wilson and Miss Hermea Murphy; and three brothers, Hazael C., Hugh P., and Olin H. Murphy. A sister, Mrs. George Fish, and a brother, Ray, preceded him in death.

Mr. Murphy's early childhood and youth were spent on the family homestead at Murphy, Iowa, until he entered normal school at Newton. After completing this course he taught in the rural school at Newburg, where he met Jessie Burroughs, who was later to become his wife.

After teaching school for several terms he took a business course at Valparaiso, Ind. From there he went to Bessemer, Ala., in the year of 1900, where he was employed as a bookkeeper in a coal mining business until he entered the real estate business.

On June 24, 1903, he was married to Jessie Burroughs and they went to Bessemer, Ala., to make their home. Three children were born while they were living in Alabama--Clarinda, Frances and John.

Late in 1908 the Murphys returned to Newburg and Mr. Murphy, with John L. Burroughs, organized the Newburg Savings Bank. Here he served as cashier for 23 years. During this time six children were born-- Esther, Mary, George, Stella, Dorothy and William. Almost a quarter century of happy family life was spent on the old John Burroughs farm, three-fourths of a mile south of Newburg.

In 1932 Mr. Murphy became an examiner for the Iowa State Banking Department, serving as examiner at Coggon for one year and in Marshall county for five years.

In 1938 he moved to the Hickory Grove Stock farm where he lived until his death on Sunday, December 29, at the age of 67 years and one month.

Helped Form School

Mr. Murphy was always interested in religious, social and educational activities. In his youth he was a member of the old Murphy band, well known state musical organization. In Alabama he was a member of the Methodist church at Bessemer and served as superintendent of the Sunday School and sang in the church choir.

He was a member of the fraternal orders of Knights of Pythias, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He taught Sunday School classes for many years at Newburg churches. As a member of the Newburg School Board, he helped in the consolidation of the public school system and in the construction of the present school buildings.

Family Reunion Held

The pleasure of seeing his family all together was enjoyed last summer when the nine children, their families and Mr. and Mrs. Murphy spent a week in the mountains of Colorado.

All of the children were present at the funeral except two daughters, Frances and Mary, who were unable to come.

Funeral services were held at the Hickory Grove U. B. church Wednesday, January 1st, at 12:30 o'clock, conducted by the minister, Rev. W. M. Watts. Burial was in the family lot near the church.

The pallbearers were Everett Kooper, Clyde Stover, Harley McIlrath, Raymond Wallace, Rucal Elliott and Lawrence Stanley.

Vocal music was provided by Virgil Palmer, Marie Hendrickson, Betty Mason, Eldie Cox and the pianist was Marie Palmer.

CHILDREN OF JESSE BURROUGHS MURPHY AND ASHEL

1. Clarinda Burroughs Murphy (Jessie, Susan Frances, Seth, John, Joseph, John) b 1 Aug 1904 Bessemer Alabama, md 1929 at Newburg Iowa to George Henry Lane, son of George W Lane and Lillian McCulloch. George Henry was born 30 May, 1903 in Eldora, Hardin Co., Iowa. He is a graduate of Grinnell College, Grinnell Iowa and received his masters degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1930. He has spent his life as a professor of Botany at the University in Ft Collins, Colorado. He is now retired.

Clarinda is also a graduate of Grinnell College and received her masters degree from the University of Colorado in 1955. For many years she taught English at the University in Ft Collins. She is also retired and they live at 1412 West Mountain Ave in Ft Collins, Colorado. They have two children.

- (1) George Ashel Lane (Clarinda, Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 9 May 1930 at Norman Oklahoma, md 21 June 1952 at Wausau, Wisconsin to Patricia Graves, daughter of Walter J Graves. George Ashel is a graduate of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa and received his doctors degree in Physical Chemistry from Northwestern University. He is now employed by Dow Chemical Company. He and Patricia now reside at 409 Capitol Drive, Midland Mich. 48640. They have no children.
- (2) Frances Ellen Lane (Clarinda, Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 3 Feb 1936 at Ft Collins, Colorado, md 7 July 1956 in Waltham, Mass. to Eric Tuatagaloa who was born in Samoa. In 1958 they had the last name changed to Howland in honor of the family of his foster mother. They are now divorced and Frances lives in Ft Collins, Colorado and has custody of her three children.

1. Christopher Tuatagaloa Howland b 23 May 1957 in Boston Mass.
2. Robin Ellen Howland b 12 March 1960 at Ft Collins, Colo.
3. Daniel David Howland b 9 July 1964 Denver, Colo.

2. Lola Frances Murphy (Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 4 Nov 1905 at Bessemer, Jefferson Co. Alabama, m 5 June 1937 at Denver, Colorado to William Otho McMeen, son of Edward Kurtz McMeen and Nellie Anderson. William was born 28 Aug 1908 at Dixon, Ill. He is a graduate of the University of Washington in Structural Engineering and spent his life in service to his country with the United States Bureau of Reclamation. He is presently retired and he and Frances live at 750 North 1000 East Provo, Utah. Frances is a graduate in Secondary School Science from the University of Minnesota and taught school in Stephen Minnesota and Miles City, Montana. She later studied Nursing at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Colorado and California. She received her nursing diploma from the University of Colorado, and served in Colorado General hospital as Night Supervisor, and in Boulder Co Colo as a Boulder County Health Nurse when the department was organized in the early days of the Social Security program. In later years she has devoted her time to her family, church work and family history. Children are:

- (1) Marilyn Frances McMeen (L Frances, Jessie, Susan, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 6 Nov 1938 at Denver Colorado m 2 June 1964 at Salt Lake City Utah to Lloyd Clifton Miller who was b 10 Nov 1938 son of Sherman Clifton Miller and Maxine Adams. They had one child.

1. Simeen Bird Miller b 7 Jan 1967 at Longmont, Colo.

Marilyn is a graduate of Brigham Young University with a major in English, has her Masters degree from the same institution and at present teaches English there. She resides at 233 South 5th East, Provo, Utah 84601. Lloyd and Marilyn were divorced 13 Mar 1967.

- (2) Elaine Kay McMeen (L Frances, Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 5 Jan 1940 at Seattle, King Co. Washington, md 11 Apr 1968 at Salt Lake City Utah to Lawrence Read Flake son of Dennis

Flake and Carol Read. Lawrence was born 21 June 1941 at Atlanta, Elmore Co, Idaho. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University and has his Masters and Doctors degree from the same institution.

Elaine is a graduate of Brigham Young University with a major in English and has her Masters degree also in English from BYU. She taught in the schools at Springville, Utah and Salt Lake City. She spent two years in France as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Since that time she taught freshman English at BYU. They reside at 231 South 5th East, Provo, Utah. Their son Read Lawrence was born 25 May, 1969 at Provo.

- (3) Sylvia Ann McMeen (L Frances, Jessie, Susan, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 10 Mar 1943 Seattle, King Co. Washington, md (1) 2 Feb 1966 Ronald Cloyd Booth son of Cloyd Booth and Mildred. Divorced 1968. md (2) 23 May 1968 James Perry. Sylvia is new accounts officer at Valley National Bank in Phoenix and Jim drives a semi. They reside at 10230 North 7th Ave in Phoenix, Arizona 85021.
- (4) David William McMeen (L Frances, Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 20 Oct 1948 at Denver Colo. Graduated from Provo HS, served three years with the US Army in Korea, US and Germany. Is presently a student at Brigham Young University.

3. John Daniel Murphy (Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 28 Dec 1907 at Bessemer, Alabama, md 27 Dec 1936 at Wellsburg West Virginia to Aldonna Bernardi daughter of Adam Bernardi and Rose Lenart. Aldonna was b 22 Sept 1908 at Pittsburg, Pa and died 28 Oct 1961 at Buffalo, New York. No issue. Md (2) 4 May 1963 Emma Edith Grigely dau of Wendell Grigely of Broadbrook, Conn.

John was graduated from Iowa State at Ames Iowa with a degree in electrical engineering. He accepted a position with Westinghouse Electric after graduation and has been with them ever since in their offices in Pittsburg, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and NY City. He retired as of June 1, 1970 and he and Emma plan to retire in Fla. At present they live at 86 Pembroke, Stanford, Conn.

4. Esther Oseceda Murphy (Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 20 Oct 1909 at Newburg, Jasper Co. Iowa, md 10 Jan 1948 Jack Lepre son of Fernando Lepre and Francesca Tara Bella. Jack was born 7 Apr 1910 in the Bronx in New York City. Children:

- (1) Mary Francesca Lepre b 6 July 1949 New York City, NY
- (2) John Frederick Lepre b 20 Dec 1950 New York, NY

Esther who usually goes by the name of "Pat" is a graduate of the Univ. of Colorado at Boulder. She worked in the radio station at Greeley and Ft Collins, Colorado for several years. During World War II she served with the WAAC's and attained the rank of Lt Com. Jack is with the Tumpane Co of NY. They reside at 50 Atkinson Road in Rockville Center, NY.

5. Mary Mildred Murphy (Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 26 Dec 1910 at Newburg, Iowa, md 26 July 1936 at Boulder Colorado to Ted Melsheimer son of Fritz Melsheimer and Dora Otterman of Los Angeles Calif. Ted was b 6 Apr 1909 in Los Angeles.

Ted owns and operates the T Melsheimer and California Carbon Co, 22610 Southwestern Avenue in Torrence, Calif. He builds air dryers to remove moisture from compressed air used in pneumatic tools and paint spray equipment. They reactivate Charcoal for refineries, air and water purification etc.

Mary is an active church worker in the Religious Science Church at Redonda Beach and has helped to develop the International Churches program for Teachers Training Courses. They had four boys.

- (1) Robert Fritz Melsheimer b 13 Oct 1937 at Taft, California, md 31 Dec 1961 Sally Ann Timmie. Fritz is a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy in Conn. He is a Lt. Commander and is now on a coast guard ship which is charting geophysical data. They have no children.
- (2) Frank Murphy Melsheimer (twin) b 9 Dec 1940 at Alhambra, California, md 15 Jan 1956 Jetta Mac Foster dau of Gordon Foster and Peggy Lou Blodgett. Jetta was b 7 Nov 1943. She was an airline stewardess. Frank graduated from the University of California in Berkley in 1965 and received his

masters degree there in 1968. He is pursuing his doctorate in machine design and kinematics with emphasis on the design of artificial limbs.

- (3) Henry George Melsheimer (twin) b 6 Dec 1940 at Alhambra, California. d 20 Aug 1951 as the result of an accidental explosion.

- (4) Tommy Ted Melsheimer b 10 Mar 1949 at Fallbrook, San Diego Co. California. He is an airplane mechanic.

6. George Wildman Murphy (Jessie, Susan F., Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 21 Dec 1912 at Newburg Jasper Co. Iowa, md 22 Nov 1941 at Bowling Green, Mo. to Lois Corrinne Jahns dau of George Albert Jahns and Delia Ann Simpson. Lois was b 2 Mar 1918 at Pekin, Illinois.

George is a graduate of Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa in Electrical engineering and worked for Westinghouse Electric. He later went into business for himself in the Detroit area and he and Lois reside at 32066 Verona Circle in Birmingham, Michigan. They have one child.

- (1) Mary Ann Murphy b 11 July 1946 at Cincinnati, Ohio, md 6 Sep 1968 to Patrick Arthur Gibson at Detroit, Michigan.

7. Stella Grace Murphy (Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 2 Sep 1915 at Newburg, Iowa, d 15 Aug 1965 at Lakeport, California, md 15 Jan 1938 at Brighton, Colorado to Russell Ellis son of Asa Ellis and Georgia Russell who was b 22 Feb 1919. Children:

- (1) Toni Lynette b 14 Dec 1944 at Vallejo, California in Solano Co., md 19 Oct 1965 in San Francisco, California, to Mohammed Rahmation who was b in Persia. Toni is a secretary and is employed at the University of California in Berkeley.

- (2) Mary Kathleen b 8 Oct 1946 at Vallejo, California, d 27 Nov 1946 at Vallejo, California.

Md 2 Dumont Watson who now resides in Lakeport, California.

8. Dorothy Lee Murphy (Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 11 Aug 1918 at Grinnell, Iowa, md 24 Mar 1940 at Marshalltown, Iowa to Wayne Estal son of John Estal and Lottie Yetley of Green Mountain, Iowa. Wayne was born 20 Dec 1912. Died 11 Oct 1970 at Grinnell, Iowa.

Wayne is employed with the Grinnell Reinsurance Company, Grinnell Iowa. He has been an airplane pilot for about thirty years and enjoys this as a means of travel in connection with his business. Children:

- (1) John Wayne Estal b 26 Dec 1941 at Grinnell, Iowa, md 13 June 1964 at Omaha, Nebraska to Holly Ann Hansen dau of David Leslie Hansen Jr. and Jeanne Elizabeth Hannum. John is a graduate of the University of Iowa at Iowa City. He is a mathematician in the laboratories of Bell Telephone and resides with his wife in Brookside, New Jersey. They have a son.

1. Andrew Charles b 16 Apr 1970.

- (2) Judith Lee Estal b 15 June 1945 at Grinnell, Iowa, md 11 Aug 1967 at Grinnell Iowa to Richard Earl Vosepka Jr. son of Richard Earl Vosepka and Florence Lois Somers. Richard Jr. was b in Cook Co., Illinois 22 Mar 1943. Judy is a graduate of University of Iowa at Iowa City, as is also her husband. He has a law degree from the university of Illinois.

- (3) Jan Marie Estal b 11 Sep 1958 at Grinnell, Iowa.

9. William Howard Murphy (Jessie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 13 Jan 1921 at Newburg, Iowa, md 29 Nov 1947 in Syracuse, NY to Margaret Mary Vinette dau of Joseph Fred Vinette and Marian Delia St Pierre, b 15 Jan 1921 in Syracuse, NY. Children:

(1) Michael William Murphy b 15 Jan 1949 in Syracuse, NY.

(2) Kathleen Anne Murphy b 28 July 1954 in Syracuse, NY.

(3) Patricia Mary Murphy b 12 Jan 1959 in Syracuse, NY.

"Bill" served his country in World War II and saw active duty with the air force in Italy. He won his wings but later specialized in ground mechanics. Since then he has been engaged in construction work in Syracuse and Liverpool and has built a number of private homes and supervised the construction of larger buildings and churches. He and "Marge" live at 608 Vine Street in Liverpool, New York.

4. Richard Merton Burroughs (Susan Frances, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 1 June 1879 Hickory Grove Stock Farm in Hickory Grove Twp Jasper Co., Iowa. In his youth the family moved to the farm adjoining Newburg on the SE. After his marriage he bought a farm a half a mile west and two miles north of Newburg, d. 24 July 1969. He and his wife have been very active members of the Newburg Congregational Church and were always ready to lend a hand for all community projects. In politics he was usually Republican but crossed over to be a real supporter of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal.

Md 4 Nov 1903 at Newburg to Alma Newcomer dau of John Newcomer and Laura Sisco. Alma was born at Newburg 19 Sep 1881 and died 18 Apr 1966. "Aunt Alma" as she was called by everyone was a friend to all and beloved by everyone in the community. Children:

(1) Priscilla (Richard, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 11 Jan 1906 on the farm north of Newburg, md 5 Sep 1938 Gene Riley son of William H. Riley and Etta V. Marquis of Colfax, Iowa. Gene was b 4 Dec 1900. Gene was engaged in the Postal service in Colfax for many years and passed away 19 Nov 1969. Priscilla is a graduate of Iowa State college at Ames, Iowa in Home Economics. She taught school in the Colfax schools before marriage. Children:

1. Donald Richard Riley b 8 Sep 1940 at Des Moines, Iowa, m Consuelo Garcia b 9 Sep 1943 at Lastrojes, San Luis Potasi, Mexico. Dau of Timotea Garcia and Maria Del Refugio Reyes Morales. They had one child.

(1) Richard Henry Riley (Donald, Priscilla, Richard, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 20 Mar 1967 at Mc Allen, Texas

2. Linda Jean Riley b 9 Oct 1944 at Des Moines.

(2) Laura Burroughs (Richard, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 7 Aug 1907 on the farm n of Newburg, Iowa, md 20 May 1936 on the farm to Ove Fabricus Clausen son of Carl Peter Clausen and Signe Daugaard. Ove was b 20 Apr 1903 at Thirsted, Denmark. d 24 July 1962 at Rochester, Minn. He was employed for many years in the Mayo clinic. Laura was a graduate of Iowa State University at Ames. She specialized in foods and worked for years at the State Clinic and in the home of doctors in Rochester. After the death of her husband and her mother she went to the old home on the farm north of Newburg to care for her father and resided there until his death in 1969. She lives at 720 9th Ave, Rochester, Minn. Children:

1. Betty Mae Clausen b 27 June 1943, md 28 Dec 1963 David Richard Gordon b 3 June 1943 in Rochester, Minn. Son of Arthur Boone Gordon Jr and Dorothy Louise Smith. Children:

- (1) Stephanie Ann Gordon b 11 Mar 1968 at Duluth, Minnesota.
2. Ellen Ann Clausen b 9 June 1945 Rochester, Minnesota, and 19 June 1964 to Donald Peter Snustad b 6 Apr 1940 at Gurhrie Hibbard Co., Minnesota, son of Ole Snustad and Vera Grife. They have one son.
 - (1) Eric John b 7 Dec 1969.
3. John Phillip Burroughs (Richard, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 11 Jan 1911 on the farm north of Newburg, d 21 Feb 1912 from Pneumonia.
4. Verna Burroughs (Richard, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 14 Nov 1915 on the farm north of Newburg, md 26 May 1938 to Wendell Marnell Paul son of Roy L. Paul and Myrtle Stanton, b 27 Feb 1915 at Gilman Marshall Co., Iowa. Wendell and Verna have lived on the home farm and been highly respected farmers and livestock raisers. Both are active in church and community affairs. Children:
 - (1) Jacqueline Paul b 14 June 1939, md 14 June 1957 to Larry Henschel at Newton Iowa. Larry was b 23 Nov 1938 son of William Henschel and Marvel Larson. Children:
 1. Debra Roxann b 12 July 1960 at Marshalltown, Iowa.
 2. Larry Randall b 27 Apr 1966 at Marshalltown, Iowa.
 3. Terri Rene (twin) b 13 Aug 1968 at Marshalltown, Iowa.
 4. Tonya Renette b 13 Aug 1968 at Marshalltown, Iowa (twin).
 - (2) John Wendell Paul (Verna, Richard, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 27 June 1946 at Grinnell, Iowa, md 5 June 1968 to Patricia Ann Vestle dau of Karl Vestle and Evelyn.
5. Nellie Burroughs (Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 22 Feb 1889 at Newburg, Iowa, md 3 June 1906 to Edward Monroe Newcomer son of John Newcomer and Laura Sisco, b 3 Apr 1887. A dairyman. Owned the Maplehurst Dairy on a farm southeast of Newburg and expanded it into a dairy and creamery business in Grinnell, Iowa. He later transferred his interests to Hialeah, Florida and built up a flourishing dairy business there. His son Carl still operates it. Children:
 - (1) Carl Edward Newcomer b 22 Dec 1913. Adopted as a very young infant in Kansas City, Missouri. Md 23 May 1938 Lois Spense b 26 Oct 1917 dau of Hugh Spense and Matilda Bendlin (Ref 25). Children:
 1. Gerald Carl b 6 Dec 1942, Miami, Florida.
 2. Janis Joan b 22 June 1946 in Washington, D.C., md 21 May 1966 in Miami, Florida to Mike Posipanka.
 - (2) Margaret Frances Newcomer (Nellie, Susan F, Seth, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 7 June 1915 in Newburg, Iowa, md _____ to Clyde Palmer son of Albert Palmer and Pearl Bennett. Clyde was b 1 May 1912 at Gilman, Iowa. Children:
 1. Marsha Palmer b 11 Mar 1940 at Miami, Florida.
 2. Jesse Palmer b 28 Nov 1941 at Miami, Florida.
 3. Michael Palmer b 29 August 1944 at Miami, Florida.
 4. John Joseph Palmer b 17 Dec 1947 at Miami, Florida.

CHARLES BUFFINGTON (Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732)

Ref 6 and 14 et al.

Charles Buffington was the third child and third son of Jonathan Buffington and Jane Moore. He was born about 1825 as he was 25 years old at the time of the 1850 census. He was born in Dearborn Co, probably in Laughery Twp, before it was divided and renamed. His father died when he was about two years old in 1827. His mother raised the family of five boys and one girl. He was a boatman and farmer, and loved his garden. His granddaughter Mrs. Ermel Wortinger of West Bend Indiana writes "Grandfather was born August 4, 1825 and died 21 July 1896 and is buried at Shoals, Martin Co., Indiana." She says her oldest Brother Rolla was the only one of the family who ever saw him as Charles died when Rolla was four years old. She adds "Mother always said he was a good man, never let his temper go and was always kind. He liked to read the paper and Rolla would go and get the paper and help him read. He was a small man about like my Dad. He was in the civil war and was ruptured carrying so much gunpowder while in the service. Grandpa was a farmer and he loved to raise garden."

Charles was married twice according to Dearborn Co Records. His first marriage 10 May 1849 was to Elizabeth (Nancy) Smith. By careful study of the census we have assumed that they had six children. On the 21st of October 1867 he married Emeline Canfield. They had three children. The half brothers and sisters of the second family have lost track of the children of the first marriage. Mrs. Wortinger sent me an envelope which came from Jamestown, North Dakota many years ago to her father. It was from a Peter Zappas whom she thought had some connection with William of Charles first family. By means of this clue I have been able to find the descendants of William Lee Buffington the youngest child of the first family, but none of his descendants know anything about the other five children of the first family. From the census reports for 1860 and 1870 I have listed those whom we believe to have been in the first family, children of Elizabeth (Nancy) Smith.

1. Thomas b about 1850
2. Charles b about 1851
3. Menora b about 1852
4. Susan b about 1853
5. Emma b about 1859
6. William Lee b 5 Dec 1861.

We have no information on the first five and would love to hear from some of them. In the paragraphs which follow we give an account of the children of William Lee and of the three children of the second marriage: Mary Edith, Edward Burns, and Marion Frances.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM LEE BUFFINGTON

(Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732)

William Lee Buffington son of Charles and Elizabeth (Nancy) Smith Buffington was born 5 December 1861 in Dearborn Co., Ind. and moved to Ripley Co, Missouri early in life. No one seems to know just when but we believe his father did not move there as he spent his life in Ind. At Naylor in Ripley Co. he married Mary Parilee Forest and they had three children: Dorothy Ruby, Hazel Edith, and Clifford Forrest. For some reason they may have lived in Indiana at sometime after the children were born, or possibly visited there as Mrs. Wortinger remembers hearing her sister Hazel and Hazel, daughter of William, spoken of as "big and little Hazel". Her sister Hazel was born in 1898 and William's Hazel was born in 1900.

Mrs. Hazel Reynolds writes, "My father William was a very gentle kind man. He taught school while young and then became a buyer and seller of hardwood lumber, travelling most of the time. He loved baseball and it was at a baseball game that he was injured. He was an umpire for minor leagues. He had a broken hip and his heart was not very good. He passed on in a hospital in Los Angeles and was cremated and put in a niche in Mausoleum in Altadena. We do not have a family Bible that belonged to my father. Remember we were just little children and lived in many places." "I have exhausted every possibility of finding more information that

pertains to my father's family. I feel that my father's mother passed on while he was very young since he did not speak of her or of any full brothers or sisters. "

1. Dorothy Ruby Buffington (William, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 7 July 1889 at Naylor, Mo., and was married 21 July 1917 to Peter Zappas, son of George Peter Zappas. Peter was born in Sekia, Greece 25 Nov 1891. They lived in Jamestown, North Dakota. Dorothy died in 1923 and Peter remarried to Marjorie. She survived him and still lives in Jamestown. It was she who answered my letter of inquiry. Dorothy Buffington and Peter George Zappas had two children.
 - (1) Dena Zappas b 15 June 1918 in Jamestown, North Dakota. She married 31 May 1938 to William Edward Nielson. They were later divorced and Dena married Marshall Douglas. I did not have a response from Dena. She lives in Reno, Nevada. Has one son William Edward Nielson.
 - (2) George Peter Zappas b 1 April 1920 in Jamestown, Stutzman Co., North Dakota. He is an insurance claims examiner and lives at 2424 Westmont Drive in Alhambra, California. He is married to Marjorie Ethel Olson, daughter of Martin E. Olson and Edna Muriel Joslyn. They have two children: Dorothy b 12 Apr 1955 in Los Angeles, and Peter George b 31 July 1958 also in Los Angeles.
2. Hazel Edith Buffington b 28 Sep 1900 at Naylor, Missouri. She married 31 May 1924 to Carl William Reynolds, son of William H. Reynolds and Mary Kysers. He was born in Los Angeles, California and they were married at Pasadena, California. They reside at 6221 North Hart Avenue in Temple City, California. They have no children.
3. Clifford Forrest Buffington (William, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 26 Oct 1904 at Naylor, Mo. He was married 31 March 1924 in Los Angeles, California to Edith Teresa Paxton dau of Joseph and Millie Paxton. Edith was born in Pa. 12 Sep 1900. They had three children.
 - (1) Richard Lee Buffington b 16 Apr 1928, d 18 Dec 1945.
 - (2) Barbara Ann Buffington b 23 June 1931 at Long Beach, California. She married 3 Dec 1948 to Charles Ridenour who was son of Clarence Ridenour and Emily Elizabeth Whitney. Charles was born 19 June 1928 at Souix Falls, South Dakota. They have three children:
 1. Susan Kay Ridenour b 7 Jan 1950 at Alhambra, California, md to Lloyd Strong son of Robert Danforth Strong and Althea Haley. Lloyd was born 31 Jan 1949 at San Luis Obispo, California. They were md 2 Nov 1968.
 2. Michael Lee Ridenour b 23 Mar 1952 at Scotia, Humboldt Co, California. He was md 26 Mar 1969 to Patsy Alice Timonen. They have a son Michael Shane Ridenour b 20 Mar 1970, at Fortuna, California.
 3. Karen Lynn Ridenour b 16 June 1954 at Scotia, California.

Barbara Ann Buffington Ridenour lives at Rio Dell, California.

 - (3) Nancy Ruth Buffington b 11 Sep 1936 at Long Beach, California, md 3 Feb 1955 to Clifford Fischer. The marriage was annulled. Married 11 Feb 1956 at Los Angeles to James Heffner, son of Leroy J. Heffner and Ruthalee Wayman. They have four children:
 1. Deborah Lee Fischer Heffner b 15 Nov 1955 in Glendale, California.
 2. James Richard Heffner b 7 Jan 1957 in Los Angeles.

3. Cynthia Louise Heffner b 3 June 1958 in Los Angeles.

4. Jennifer Lynn Heffner b 22 Aug 1960 in Los Angeles.

THE SECOND FAMILY OF CHARLES BUFFINGTON

(Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732)

by his wife Emeline Canfield

They had three children: Mary Edith, Edward Burns, and Marion Frances.

1. Mary Edith Buffington (Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) (Ref 44) b 7 Aug 1868 in Hogan Twp, Dearborn Co, Indiana and died in Kansas City, Missouri 9 July 1944. She was married in Indiana 20 Dec 1886 to John Wesley Tranter, son of Wesley Tranter and Samira Ann French. They made their home in Shoals, Martin Co., Indiana for many years. Their first five children were born there. The last two were born after they moved to Chicopee, Crawford, Kansas. I assume they moved about 1905-1906. John Wesley Tranter died in Kansas City, Missouri 23 Jan 1943. Mary Edith died there 9 July 1944. Both are buried in Highland Park Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas. They had four sons and three daughters: Charles Arthur, Omar Albert, James Alva, Adria, Inez, John Buffington, Thelma.

(1) Charles Arthur Tranter (Mary Edith, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 8 June 1893 at Shoals, Ind., d at Batesville, Arkansas 8 March 1937. Md at Scammon, Cherokee Co, Kansas in Dec 1912 to Gladys Moody, daughter of William O. and Ellen Hayes Moody. They had one child. (Ref 45)

1. Esther Tranter b 24 Jan 1914 at Mulberry, Crawford Co., Kansas, md to Harold Edward Gass, son of Edward L. and Anna Gass. Harold was born 5 May 1913 at Springfield, Illinois. They were md 8 March 1937 and had one son Edward L. Gass b 8 Jan 1938 in Highland Park, Michigan. Edward was married to Jeanette Randall dau of Paul Roland Randall and Virginia Goodman, on 14 May 1961. Jeanette brought two children to the marriage who were children of hers by her first husband. They are Dwayne Odell Van Pelt Gass and Katherine Le Ann Van Pelt Gass. Edward and Jeanette have a daughter Tammi Dorren, b 12 Feb 1962 at Detroit, Michigan.

Esther Tranter Gass md (2) on 14 Aug 1948 at Bowling Green, Wood Co, Ohio to Beckham Youngblood. They live at RR 5 Mayfield, Kentucky.

Charles Arthur Tranter md (2) Marie _____.

Charles Arthur Tranter md (3) 11 Dec 1928 at Chicago, Illinois. Emma Rose Tappert, daughter of Albert Emil Tappert and Augusta Emilie Michel. They have two children: James and Dorothy Eileen.

1. James Albert Tranter b 24 Aug 1929 at Chicago, md at Chicago 8 June 1963 to Mary Evelyn Pitts of Altha Calhoun, Florida, daughter of Joseph Ernest Pitts and Glennell Horton Pitts. They have two children: Michael Adrian Tranter b 22 Feb 1960; and Elizabeth Ruth Tranter b 18 Nov 1964. Both were born at Chicago. James and family reside at 708 Leamington Ave, Chicago.

2. Dorothy Eileen Tranter b 27 June 1931 at Chicago. She is married to Adalore John Prince and they reside at Jacksonville, Arkansas, Route #1 box #48.

(2) Omar Albert Tranter (Mary Edith, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 15 March 1896 at Shoals, Martin Co, Indiana, md 19 June 1915 in Crawford Co. Kansas to Ethel Dorris, dau of John Wesley Dorris and Nursey Jane Ules. They have three children: John Wesley, Mary Jane, Bertha Marie.

1. John Wesley Tranter (Omar, Mary Edith, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 17 Mar 1916 at Pittsburg, Kansas. Resides 10719 GAIL Ct, St. Louis, Missouri.

2. Mary Jane Tranter (Ref 47) b 6 Sep 1916 at Pittsburg, Kansas, md (1) Samuel Silas Dodd. They were divorced. They had a child Ethel Frances Dodd b 23 Aug 1940 at Cassville, Barry Co. Mo. Ethel md (1) William Corn. Div. md (2) Donald Brewer.

Mary Jane Tranter md (2) 28 Nov 1952 Marion Early Main. They had one child: Marion Early Main Jr b 12 Sep 1953 at Girard, Kansas.

3. Bertha Marie Tranter b 17 March 1916 at Pittsburg, Kansas, md Hugh Burton. They live at 531 West Belleview in Scottsdale, Arizona.

- (3) James Alva Tranter (Mary Edith, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 1 Dec 1898 at Shoals, Martin Co. Indiana, md (1) Faye Armstrong dau of William Armstrong and Sarah White Armstrong. Faye was b 28 Nov 1925 at Deepwater, Missouri. They were md at Kansas City, Kansas on 20 Sep 1924 and have two children: Iris Lucille and Lois Pearl.

1. Iris Lucille Tranter b 16 June 1927 at Kansas City, Missouri, md Norman Francis Murphy. They have two children: Katheryn Ann b 18 July 1948; William Patrick b 9 June 1950. Iris Lucille md (2) 11 Oct 1954 Christopher Michael Marko b 30 Nov 1923 son of Gregory and Eva Marko. They have one son Christopher Michael Marko b 11 Apr 1959 10609 Twilight Dr., St. Louis, Missouri.
2. Lois Pearl Tranter b 1 Mar 1929 Kansas City, Missouri, md 31 July 1947 to Arthur Hall b 23 Mar 1922 in St. Louis, Missouri, son of Harry Philip Hall and Minnie Marie Johnson. They have four children: all born in St. Louis, Mo.: Gerald Arthur b 20 July 1948, Thomas Dale b 8 June 1950, Richard Jay b 23 Oct 1950, Bruce Ray b 17 Aug 1963. The family resides at 12564 Westport Drive, Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141.

James Alva Tranter md (2) 15 June 1940 to Helen Albertina Cook. They had one child Judy Tranter b Mar 1944 in Chicago, Illinois. She md at Niles, Cook Co., Illinois on 16 June 1962 to Robert Poduch, son of Anthony J. Poduch and Marie Helen Koss. They have three children: all born in Park Ridge, Cook Co., Illinois. Kathleen Dawn Poduch b 21 August 1963, Robert Michael Poduch b 28 May 1966, Susan Colleen Poduch b 2 July 1968.

- (4) Adria Tranter (Mary Edith, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 8 Sep 1891 at Shoals, Martin Co., Ind., d 9 June 1942, md James Ferrero of Shoals and had four children: John Anthony, Robert Alva who md Wanda Buckley, James Leon who md Mary Lou Anderson and once lived at 7504 Central Ave in Kansas City, Missouri, and Jo Ann who md Charles Buckley. We have no further information on the Ferrero family.

- (5) Inez Tranter (Ref 48) b 8 Jan 1904 Shoals, Indiana, md 11 Apr 1925 to (1) Emmett Esslinger b 8 Jan 1904 of Shoals, Indiana, md in Kansas City, Missouri, d 16 Apr 1964 in Kansas City, Missouri. Md (2) L. Irving Payne 16 Oct 1960, no issue. Children by first marriage:

1. Billy Glen Esslinger b 11 Nov 1932 Kansas City, Missouri, md (1) Carline Crago. Children:

- (1) Michael Glenn b 17 Aug 1951
(2) Sharon Elaine b 4 Aug 1952, md Joe Leckner, has child Theresa b 18 Aug 1969.

Md (2) Bonnie Fugate, Children:

- (1) Rhonda Kim b 1957
(2) Jennie Lee b 17 Oct 1959

2. Donald Eugene Esslinger (Inez, Mary Edith, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) md Frances Murphy, no children.

(6) John Buffington Tranter (Mary Edith, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 16 Feb 1907 at Chicopec, Crawford Co., Kansas (Ref 44) md (1) Junevie Mc Gee.

1. Alfred William Tranter md Wanda, had three children:

- (1) Richard Tranter
- (2) Janice Tranter
- (3) Stephen Tranter

Md (2) Hertha Houghton previously md to Mr. Folz.

(7) Thelma Tranter (Ref 44) (Mary E, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 13 Mar 1910 Chicopec, Crawford Co., Kansas, md 4 Apr 1928 Lester Harlan Summers b 27 Feb 1905 at Sevier, Macon Co., Missouri. Son of Elijah Summers and Rosetta Ameron Summers. Thelma and Lester were md in Kansas City, Mo. He died at Vettrans Hospital Kansas City, Missouri 8 Jan 1968. Thelma resides at 1243 Belmont, Kansas City, Missouri. There are two children:

1. Dolores Marilyn Summers b 23 Aug 1929 at Kansas City, Missouri, md 5 Mar 1953 to Alvin Lester Strem son of Oscar E Strem and Anna F. Ministerman. They have two children:

- (1) Sheila Ann b 29 Nov 1959 at Independence, Missouri.
- (2) Mark Alan b 2 Aug 1966 at Kansas City, Missouri.

2. Samira Ann Summers b 29 Nov 1943 at Kansas City, Missouri, md 29 Mar 1969 to Merle Dean Curtis.

CHILDREN OF EDWARD BURNS BUFFINGTON AND HIS WIFE SUSAN JANE PIERCE

2. Edward Burns Buffington (Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) Edward was born in Hogan Twp., Dearborn Co., Indiana about 1871. He was age 9 at the time of the 1880 census. He died 8 Aug 1944 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana. He md Susan Jane Pierce dau of George Henry Pierce and Louisa Cox. Susan was born 16 March 1868 in Lawrence Co., Indiana, and died 2 Feb 1940 in West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana. Both are buried at Ames Chapel, West Baden Springs, Indiana. They had six children: (1) Rolla Clifton, (2) Chester Canfield, (3) Hazel Louise, (4) Erma Emmaline, (5) Herschel Franklin, (6) Gladys Minnie.

(1) Rolla Clifton Buffington b 20 Aug 1892 at Shoals, Martin Co., Indiana. He died 23 Oct 1943. He was md 18 March 1920 to Laura Williams, dau of Charles Williams and Lavada Ross Williams. He is buried at Ames Chapel, West Baden Springs, Indiana. They had no children.

(2) Chester Canfield Buffington (Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) (Ref 49) b 10 Oct 1896 at Shoals, Martin Co., Ind., md (1) 10 July 1914 Lettie Carnes dau of Asbury Carnes and Cora Breeden. They had one child.

1. Paul Edward Buffington b 1915, d 15 Mar 1922.

Md (2) 4 Mar 1923 at West Baden Springs, Indiana to Olive Lena Owen. She was dau of Henry Owen and Clara Pruett, and had previously been married to Earl Chastain by whom she had two sons, Clifford Earl Chastain and Robert Laverne Chastain. Chester Canfield Buffington and Olive Lena Owen had a large family of eighteen children, six of whom died at birth or as small infants. Twelve grew to maturity and all are married. All b at West Baden Springs.

1. Vernon Leroy Buffington (Chester C, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) RR #3 Shoals, Ind., b 6 Aug 1924, md 18 Dec 1945 at West Baden to Margie Akers dau of John Akers and Mattie Purkiser.

who was b 11 Mar 1926 at West Baden. They have one daughter.

- (1) Cathy Ann Buffington b 23 Oct 1951 at Bedford, Crawford Co., Indiana.

The family resides near West Baden Springs, RR #2 47469.

2. Donald Ray Buffington (Chester C, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 13 Feb 1926, md 30 Nov 1946 at West Baden to Ada Cox dau of Harley Cox and Ella Belle Taber. She was b 27 July 1929 in Dubois Co., Indiana. They have five children.

- (1) Cassandra Sue b 22 Jan 1952 at Bedford, Lawrence Co., Indiana. She md Norman Chatin on 8 May 1968.

- (2) Gary Lee b 2 May 1954 at Washington in Davies Co., Indiana.

- (3) Mary Beth b 8 July 1956 Washington, Davies Co., Indiana.

- (4) John Paul b 10 Mar 1962 Washington, Davies Co., Indiana.

- (5) Rita Rene b 20 April 1965 Washington, Davies Co., Indiana.

3. Norman Lee Buffington (Chester C, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 28 April 1927, died 22 June 1927 buried at Highland Chapel in West Baden, Indiana.

4. Billy Eugene Buffington (Chester C, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 28 May 1928 West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md 5 July 1947 at Paoli, Orange Co., Indiana to Rosemary Kerby dau of Milze Austin Kerby and Mable Marie Purkiser. They have a son.

- (1) Brian Eugene Buffington b 15 Oct 1960 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

The family resides at 621 South 4th Ave, Beech Grove, Indiana 46107.

5. Betty Jane Buffington (Chester, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 4 Aug 1929 West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md 8 Feb 1947 at Paoli, Orange Co., Indiana to Sherman Earl Knight son of John Knight and Maude Scarlett. Sherman was born 26 Apr 1912 at West Baden, Indiana. They have one daughter.

- (1) Deloris Jane b 29 Oct 1953 at Jasper, Dubois Co., Indiana. She md 27 Aug 1969 to Robert Dean Parks. The family resides at RR #1 West Baden, Indiana 47469. One daughter:

1. Melinda Dawn Parks b 18 Mar 1970 at Jasper, Du Bois Co., Indiana.

6. Vonnie Richard Buffington (Chester, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 26 Oct 1931 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md 14 Aug 1953 at West Baden Springs, Indiana to Elizabeth Abel who was born there on 18 July 1937 dau of Foster Abel and Blanche Snow. They have three children.

- (1) Peggy Lee b 24 May 1954 at Jasper, Dubois Co., Indiana.

- (2) Deborah b 15 Jan 1957 at Jasper, Dubois Co., Indiana.

- (3) Lisa b 26 Nov 1966 at Jasper, Dubois Co., Indiana.

The family resides at 6250 Rockville Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46224

7. Wanda Lou Buffington (Chester, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 27 Dec 1933 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md 8 Sep 1951 at French Lick, Orange Co., Indiana to Cletus Tedrow b 5 Mar 1931 in Davies Co., Indiana son of Edgar Tedrow and Dorothy Marie Witt. They have five children:

- (1) Connie Sue b 7 Sep 1952 at Jasper, Dubois Co., Indiana.
- (2) Cheryl Lynn b 26 Nov 1956 at Jasper, Dubois Co., Indiana.
- (3) Rickey Lee b 18 Oct 1959 at Salem, Washington Co., Indiana.
- (4) Mark Eugene b 15 Dec 1960 at Paoli, Orange Co., Indiana.
- (5) Bobby Wayne b 19 Aug 1963 at Paoli, Orange Co., Indiana.

The family resides at RR #1 Paoli, Indiana 47454

8. Shirley Ann Buffington (Chester, Edward B., Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 13 Feb 1935 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md 17 Oct 1953 at Paoli, Indiana to Edward Street who was b 14 Aug 1924 at Decker, Knox Co., Indiana, son of Charles Oscar Street and Annie Jane Smith. They have three children:

- (1) David Charles b Dec 21, 1954.
- (2) Jonathan Edward b 9 Oct 1962.
- (3) Linda Ann b 29 Sep 1963.

All children were born at Jasper, Dubois Co., Indiana. The family resides at 301 Spring Street, French Lick, Indiana 47432

9. Larry George Buffington (Chester C, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 20 Sep 1936 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, d 10 Feb 1937 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Ind.
10. Mary Jo Buffington (Chester C, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 25 Nov 1937 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md 15 Oct 1957 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana to Floyd Burton b 13 Sep 1934 at French Lick, Orange Co., Indiana, son of James Howard Burton and Ophia Edith Teaford. They had a stillborn child and two living children.

- (1) Floyd Randell b 21 Jan 1961 at Salem, Washington Co., Indiana.
- (2) Daniel Joe b 23 Apr 1964 at Salem, Washington Co., Indiana.

11. A stillborn child 11 Nov 1938

12. A male infant b 11 Nov 1938, twin. Lived only a short time.

13. James Dale (Chester C, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 30 Dec 1939 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co, Indiana, md Jennie Moffatt b 11 May 1944 dau of Clarence Moffatt and Mildred Wininger. They have one son.

- (1) Michael Shane Buffington b 6 Sep 1960.

14. Jerry Dean Buffington (Chester C, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 29 Mar 1941 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md (1) Eleanor Hegedus and (2) Diane Parks dau of Dennis Parks and Alta Hardin.
15. A stillborn child 9 July 1942, twin.
16. Douglas Randall b 9 July 1942, d 16 July 1942, twin.
17. Terry Jay Buffington (Chester C, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) twin, b 6 May 1946 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md 11 July 1964 at French Lick, Orange Co., Ind. to Wanda Emmons b 4 Oct 1946 at French Lick, dau of Emil Emmons and Clara Lewis One child:
 - (1) Dara Lyne b 5 Mar 1965 at Dansville, Drawford Co., Indiana.
18. Sherian Kay Buffington (Chester, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 6 May 1946 at West Baden, Orange Co., Indiana, md 23 May 1964 at West Baden, Orange Co., Indiana, to Harold Blaine Qualkinbush b 1 June 1943 at French Lick, Orange Co., Indiana. Son of Blaine Qualkenbush and Delta Moore. One child:
 - (1) Gregory Scott Qualkinbush b 10 Apr 1967 at Washington, Daviess Co., Indiana.
- (3) Hazel Louise Buffington (Edward B., Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 28 Dec 1898 at Shoals, Martin Co., Indiana, d 17 Feb 1938, md 1 Jan 1915 to Ralph Royer. Two children:
 1. Bernadine Leah Royer b 7 May 1916, md Voelkel.
 2. Evelyn Jane Royer b 5 May 1918, md 25 Apr 1946 to Welton Cox.
- (4) Ermel Emmeline Buffington (Edward B., Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 2 Sep 1905 at Shoals, Martin Co., Indiana, md 12 Aug 1922 to William Amos Wortinger. They reside at West Baden Springs, Indiana. Children:
 1. Constance Dana Wortinger b 20 June 1923, md 7 Sep 1942 at Phenix City, Alabama, Russell Co. to William Henry Archer b 19 Oct 1918 at Cumberland, Pa. Son of Henry Archer and Maude Dillard.
 2. Kenneth Rex Wortinger b 25 Sep 1925, md Helen May Dillard b 3 Oct 1922 at Paoli, Indiana, dau of Raymond Dillard and Lois Dempster.
- (5) Herschel Franklin Buffington (Edward, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 30 Sep 1901 at Shoals, Martin Co., Indiana, d 7 Dec 1952, md 3 July 1921 to Golda Kellams b 2 Oct 1902 in Perry Co., Indiana dau of Louis Kellams and Rebecca E. Ingle. One child:
 1. Herschel F. b 2 Apr 1924 in Orange Co., Indiana, md 17 Mar 1963 to Betty L. Bigley. They have no children.

Golda is md to Mr. Cox. Her son Hershel lives with her at 1615 North Columbus Blvd, Tucson, Arizona 85716. He is escrow officer at Stewart Title and Trust in Tucson.
- (6) Gladys Minnie Buffington (Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 23 Oct 1909 at Shoals, Orange Co., Indiana, md 1924 at Paoli, Orange Co., Indiana to Clarence H. Owen b 29 Dec 1907 son of Henry Harrison Owen and Clara Jane Pruett. They reside at West Baden Springs. They have seven children: Forest Glen, Frank Richard, Marilyn Jane, Marvin Jack, Gordon Leon, and Don Edward.

1. Forrest Glen Owen (Gladys, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 13 Jan 1925 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md to Betty Wilson. Children:

(1) Sheri Lynn b 12 Jan 1961.

(2) Cindy Lee b 14 Aug 1963.

(3) Danny Glen b 1965, d as inf.

The family resides at 2604 Dohn Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

2. Frank Richard Owen (Gladys, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 4 July 1928, md to Maxine Leonard. Children:

(1) Ronda Lee Owen b 30 Jan 1950, md Joe Wright.

3. Marilyn Jane Owen (Gladys, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 29 Sep 1930, md to James Wineinger. Children:

(1) Beverly Ann b 29 Oct 1949, md Harry Cross, one dau.

1. Angela Deann b 3 July 1967.

Marilyn and James reside at 1812 South Pershing St, Indianapolis, Indiana.

4. Marvin Jack Owen (Gladys, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 20 Dec 1931, md Barbra Tuttle, children:

(1) Stephen Jack b 15 Sep 1952.

(2) Sherri Diann b 2 Apr 1956.

(3) Mark Douglas b 26 Sep 1959.

(4) Melinda Joy b 23 Jan 1961.

The family resides at 3976 NE 38th Ave., Portland, Oregon.

5. Gordon Leon Owen (Gladys, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 1 Jan 1938 at West Baden Springs, Orange Co., Indiana, md Joyce Bingham. Children:

(1) Brent Allen b 1 July 1960.

(2) Bradley Aaron b 22 Jan 1964.

The family resides at 375 Sunset Ave., Greenwood, Indiana.

6. Brenda Owen (Gladys, Edward, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 23 Jan 1941, md Daniel Ward. Children:

(1) Susan Ann b 3 Aug 1961.

(2) Teresa Lynn b 5 Mar 1965.

(3) Daniel Andrew b 1 June 1966.

The family resides at 7001 Rockville Road, Indianapolis, Indiana.

7. Don Edward Owen (Gladys, Edward B, Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b 20 Nov 1943, ind Janice Kingham. Children:

(1) Kimberly Ann b 25 Mar 1964.

(2) Don Edward b 22 Mar 1966.

The family resides at 1427 Loretta Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana.

3. Marion Frances Buffington (Charles, Jonathan, Joseph, John) b abt 1873 in Hogan Twp Dearborn Co., Ind. Died 30 May 1952, buried at Bonds Chapel, West Baden Springs, Indiana. Md Alice Bedster who was b 6 Nov 1873 in Orange Co, Indiana, dau of Henry Thomas Bedster and Amanda Barnes. One Child:

- (1) Golda Buffington b 30 July 1899 in Martin Co., Indiana. She md 15 Sep 1918 to Claude Chanseler. They have no children. They reside at Shoals, Ind. 47581.

CHILDREN OF SUSANNE BUFFINGTON AND JACKSON LITTLE

5. Susanne Buffington (Jonathan, Joseph, John) (Ref 16) (Ref 17) b abt 1826 (census ages vary and cannot be correct, she gives age 30 in 1860 but her father died in 1827 the year her youngest brother was born), d 14 Sep 1901 at Aurora, Dearborn Co., Indiana, buried at Seymour, Jackson Co., Indiana. Md abt 1848 at Aurora, Dearborn, Indiana, to Jackson Little son of Elias Little and his second wife Nancy Hubbard. He started for California during the gold rush--sent his wife a beautiful paisley shawl from somewhere in Texas, and was never heard from again. The family always thought he met with foul play as he was carrying quite a sum of money. Alta Clay, his granddaughter showed me the shawl when I visited her in 1953 at her home in Grinnell, Iowa. A letter from my mother, Jessie Burroughs Murphy in 1952 says of the Littles "Aunt Susanne was out to Iowa for a visit once that I know of and came to our house and stayed about two weeks. John was out to Iowa at least once. He was a railroad engineer all his life. Both he and Aunt Susanne were grand people of the sweet quiet type like grandfather Buffington (Seth). Lew was a good natured friendly sort of fellow, but never seemed to be able to get ahead any. Aunt Susie (Susan Burroughs Child) said he was quite a dandy as a young fellow." Aunt Susanne made buttonholes down the back of a new dress Mother was making and Mother told me she "never saw such beautiful buttonholes in all her life. I was always backing up to everyone so they would notice my pretty buttonholes". According to the census Aunt Susanne was a seamstress so no doubt was quite skillful. (Ref 33) Children: They had two children, both boys.
- (1) John Franklin Little (Susanne, Jonathan, Joseph, John) (Ref 16 and 17) b 13 June 1849 in Sparta Twp, Dearborn Co., Indiana, d 1 Aug 1894 at Rising Sun, Ohio Co., Indiana. Buried at Seymour, Jackson Co., Indiana. Md 1871 at Aurora, Dearborn Co., Indiana to Mary Frances Christy b 9 Jan 1848 at Aurora, Indiana, d April 1918. John was an engineer and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad. Albert Cain, an old reader of the Santa Fe Employees Magazine sent the family the words of the following poem "Mothers Signal", which is commemorative of John Little, who lost his life in a wreck at Cochran, Indiana July 30, 1894. Since his death date is recorded as Aug 1, I assume he may have lived two days after the wreck.

John Little was an engineer, careful, skillful, without fear,
A widowed mother was his care, and everything he had to share,
With her was shared in equal part for John loved her with all his heart.
Each day when Little's train went thru, his mother's signal Little blew.
And all our town that signal knew and well we learned to love it too.
His train was always run on time, his love for Mother was sublime;
And whether passing east or west, he signalled her whom he loved best.

At first this signal loud and shrill pierced everyone with noisesome thrill,
But afterwhile our whole town knew what meant that signal Little blew,
And loved to hear his engine cry, each day as Little's train flew by.
So regular Little's train went 'long, your watch with it could not be wrong;
And thus for years this engineer, careful, skillful and without fear
Went running thru, now east now west. On all the roads he was the best.
And when his mother's town he passed, John Little blew his loyal blast
And all the town as he flew by, rejoiced to hear his engine cry
The signal sweet to Mother's ear. And more we loved it year by year.
'Twas music sweet to every ear and sweeter it grew every year--
Because it told of infinite love most certain of reward above.

Sent to me by Helen Little Dolenc Box #611 Mt. Edgecomb, Alaska, 1960
(Ref 32)

Children of John Franklin Little (Susanne Buffington, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) and Mary Frances Christy who lived in Jeffersonville, Clarke Co., Indiana in 1880 at the time of the census.

1. Luella Little b 26 Jan 1873 in Aurora, Indiana, d July 1934, md Sep 1895 to Fred Bradley. They had one child:

- (1) Frances Bradley b June 1896 in Washington, Daviess Co., Indiana, md May 1918 to Ben Lunsford, d in Louisville, Kentucky Feb 25, 1919 at the birth of her only child Helen Louise Lunsford who was b 22 Feb 1919 and died 4 Mar 1919.

2. Franklin Elmer Little b 2 Mar 1875 Cincinnati, Ohio, md 4 Apr 1905 Daisy Gunther. No issue.

3. Norval Graham Little b 26 June 1880 Jeffersonville Clarke Co., Indiana, d 9 Nov 1941, md 8 Dec 1904 Iva Jane Rodarmel. One child:

- (1) Margaret Frances Little b 28 July 1913, unm in 1952.

- (2) Lewis Philip Little (Susanne Buffington, Jonathan, Joseph, John 1732) (Ref 16 & 17) b 3 Aug 1851 Aurora, Indiana, d 12 Dec 1924 at Grinnell, Iowa. Buried at Hazelwood Cemetery. Md 17 Apr 1878 Catherine Jane Walker dau of Jerome Walker and Sarah Grimsley. Catherine b 17 Mar 1849 near Moores Hill, Indiana in Dearborn Co. and d 12 Apr 1921 at Grinnell, Iowa. Buried at Hazelwood. Their children were all born at Newburg, Jasper Co., Iowa.

1. Alta May Little b 18 Mar 1879, md 29 Oct 1900 to Leroy Gregg Clay. No issue. Alta was a widow many years and lived in Grinnell, Iowa.

2. Stanley Matthew Little b 13 Aug 1883, md 22 Dec 1913 Cora Glee Watson. Children:

- (1) Stanley Max Little b 2 Mar 1921 at Grundy Center, Iowa, md 26 July 1944 Peggy Akers. Children:

1. Pamela Diane b 2 Mar 1947, Seattle Washington.

2. Candyce Linn b 24 Oct 1950 Seattle, Washington.

(probably others)

- (2) Robert Lewis Little b 22 Oct 1923 Des Moines, Iowa, md 16 Sep 1948 Pauline Klein. Children:

1. Heidi Jennifer Little b 3 Apr 1951 at Petersburg, Va.

2. Rebecca Lee Little b 27 Mar 1952 at Ft. Lee, Va.

3. Kevin Stanley Little b 1 Aug 1955 at Ft. Lee, Va.

4. Kimberly Jo Little b 15 June 1957 at Seattle, Washington.

- (3) Jack Watson Little b 4 July 1925 at Des Moines, Iowa.

3. Nellie Little b 18 Sep 1887, d Sep 1888.

4. Ruth Little b 1 May 1891, md 8 June 1918 Ralph Mc Collum (div.).

5. Ralph Little b 24 Aug 1893, md 15 Apr 1915 Fern Willa Barrett. No issue.

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PART II

THE BUFFINGTON FAMILY OF DEARBORN COUNTY INDIANA

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THE BUFFINGTON FAMILY IN DEARBORN COUNTY, INDIANA

To anyone who has seen the long lists of Buffingtons in the censuses of the 1800's for Aurora, Dearborn County, Indiana, it may be surprising to find only one lone Buffington in the current Aurora phone book, George (Doc) Buffington. However, many other present-day Aurora residents or natives, whether they are aware of it or not, can trace their ancestry back to the pioneer Buffington family because the early Buffingtons intermarried with so many other pioneer Dearborn County families--the Flakes, Cheeks, Huffmans, Hayes, Wrights, and others.

The Buffingtons were among the first families to settle in Dearborn County, which was one of the earliest counties to be settled in Indiana because of its location on the Ohio River. Aurora is only a short distance from the Ohio state line and from Cincinnati, so it is possible that this family (like many other pioneer families) may have spent a short time near Cincinnati before coming on to nearby Aurora.

The exact year of the arrival of the Buffingtons in Dearborn County is still uncertain because several conflicting dates have been given in the histories of the county. One version states 1798, another gives 1800, and still another states 1807.

It is certain they came to Indiana from Washington County, Penna., but it is not known whether they came down the Ohio River by flatboat like many other settlers, or whether they came overland by horseback on one of the early trails. After arriving here, several Buffingtons became river pilots.

The first Buffingtons to come to the county were three young brothers, John (1784-1852), Jonathan (-1826), and Jehiel (- 1830 to 1839), and their widowed mother, Mahala Buffington, widow of Joseph Buffington of Washington County, Penna., whose second husband was David Butler. Whether their father died before they left Pennsylvania is not known, although one account in the History of Dearborn, Ohio and Switzerland Counties in Indiana on page 848 implies that she had remarried before arriving in Dearborn County. Whether she remarried in Pennsylvania or possibly nearby in Ohio has not been determined.

An article in this history written by pioneer Samuel Morrison states, "on the river bank just below Hogan Creek, there stood an Indian hut about 16 foot square without floor or roof; my father and my eldest brother repaired it and we moved in on Valentine's Day 1796. Here it was said there were three or four acres of land that had been cleared off by the Indians; about the same number above the creek. Here, father told me, he met Adam Flake, who told me that he settled on South Hogan Creek in January, 1796, about a month previous to father's settlement. He often told me that he and father (Ephriam Morrison) were the first two families that ventured northwest of the Ohio River... Mr. Flake informed me of the families as they came. In 1798 Ebenezer Foote (stepfather of the Peterses and Mahala Butler), David Butler and stepsons, John, Jonathan and Jehiel Buffington, George and Henry Grove, George Glen, Abner Gray and family... who settled just above the mouth of Laughery Creek; Daniel, Robert and James Conway; Francis and Nicholas Cheek and their families; James, Henry and Amor Bruce and families."

Another account on page 491 of the History of Dearborn and Ohio Counties in a chapter on Washington Township gives further information on the Peters family as recounted by an early settler, George W. Lane, in 1876:

"Stephen Peters came to the county with Ebenezer Foote in 1798. They first settled on the river bank, just above Aurora. A freshet in the Ohio drove them back to the high ground, where they lived a few years, and afterward settled on South Hogan Creek, in Washington Township. Mr. Stephen Peters was the father of Joseph Peters, who lived and died on the land entered by his father, and the old homestead still belongs to the family."

Very little was known about these three pioneer Buffington brothers, particularly their birthplace or their parentage, until the discovery of the old family Bible of John (1784-1852) in Aurora in recent years. Previously there had been confusion because of conflicting birthplaces given in the histories and censuses. In one case, a census taker had written Penn. so that it looked like Tenn., so that for a long time researchers and descendants were hunting for this family in early Tennessee records, instead of in their native Pennsylvania. In fact, Tennessee had

few, if any Buffingtons around 1790 to 1800. Further confusion resulted because the three brothers were born in territory at one time disputed by both Pennsylvania and Virginia so that both states were given as their birthplaces. Eventually this disputed corner was recognized as part of Pennsylvania, not Virginia. One of the Dearborn County histories gives Virginia as the birthplace of John (1784-1852).

Besides the scarcity of records on the early Buffingtons, another difficulty has been the fact that so many of them used the same names. There are so many Johns that it is necessary to distinguish them by dates. To make it worse, several of the Johns married girls named Nancy. There also were several named Francis, Jehiel, Charles and William, to add to the confusion.

Two brief biographies in the local histories were the only source of information on the Dearborn County Buffingtons until the Bible provided the key for further discoveries. Before this it had been thought that the three brothers and their widowed mother came up from Georgia, as some Ohio Buffingtons had done, or that they had come from the Carolinas, as a Wabash County, Indiana Buffington family did. However, the Bible stated that this family came from Washington County, Penna., thus establishing that they were from the Pennsylvania branch of this family rather than from several branches that migrated south first and then came back to the north.

The Bible made it possible to trace this line of Buffingtons back several generations, as it was previously known that the Joseph Buffington mentioned in the Bible as the father of the three young brothers was the son of an earlier John Buffington (who died in 1804) and his wife, Sarah Young Buffington of Washington County, Penna. Joseph died before his father's death in 1804.

Unfortunately, the parentage of their grandfather, John of Washington County, Penna. who died in 1804, has never been definitely established. Since he was born in Chester County, Penna., where the original Buffington family from England settled in the late 1670's, it is certain that he was a grandson of Richard the emigrant. Richard the emigrant was married three times and left hundreds of descendants, many of them named John. It is now assumed that some of the unaccounted for Pennsylvania Buffingtons may be descended from a son of Richard's, William Buffington, originally supposed to have died a bachelor. It is now believed that William did marry.

Concerning the three Buffingtons who came to Dearborn County from Pennsylvania around 1800, much still remains to be discovered. Not much is known about their life and accomplishments beyond the little information given in two biographies in the county histories on John (1784-1852) and on his nephew, John (1818-1899), and information in the censuses, obituaries, wills, and court, land and marriage records. It has even been difficult to find some obituaries and records because both libraries in Aurora and Lawrenceburg and the courthouse have sustained considerable damage in Ohio River floods. The Indiana State Library has some early papers of the area, but the files are very incomplete.

The biography of 1784-1852 John in the History of Dearborn and Ohio Counties, page 649, unfortunately does not give much information about him, stating that "his history... merits a more extended notice than can here be given it." This biography states that he "removed to the west in 1797" and spent several years at nearby North Bend, O., before moving to Dearborn County and entering land on North Hogan Creek, "where he opened a farm." He spent most of his life with "the exception of a few years" on this farm until his death 10 March 1852. The history gives his birthplace as Virginia, but the 1850 census gives "Tenn." or Penn.

This biography is very similar to the obituary which appeared 26 March 1852 in the Democratic Register, Lawrenceburg newspaper. Lawrenceburg, only several miles from Aurora, is the county seat. The obituary states:

"Died at his residence, near the city of Aurora, on Wed. the 10th of March, 1852; Mr. John Buffington. The deceased was one of the early settlers of this country, and for more than 40 years, maintained his place among her most prominent and influential citizens. His history, as it is connected with the most thrilling incidents of Western life, and involves all the varied interests of a protracted and useful life, merits a more extended notice than the writer is capable of giving; yet the high estimate he placed upon his character and personal friendship, and the recollection of his many kindnesses and valuable services so frequently extended in other years, have induced him to record a few lines as a grateful tribute to his memory.

"Mr. Buffington was born in the State of _____ on the 7th of March 1784 and removed to the West in 1797. He spent a few years with the settlers at North Bend, and on the Miami; after which he removed to this country, and entered land on North Hogan where he opened a farm and upon which, with the exception of a few years, he resided until his death.

"The hardships endured by our fathers in those early days, no pen can picture and but few minds can appreciate. There the wild man of the woods lurked securely beneath the tangled thicket and deep foliage of nature, until an opportunity served, when he would come forth spreading consternation and alarm all around, and sometimes drenching the hearthstones with the blood of the innocent. The howl of the wild beasts blending with the more fearful yell and war whoop of the savage, often woke the pioneer from his midnight slumbers.

"The subject of this notice, planting himself in the wilds of Indians, endured all the perils, and privations, and toils of a pioneer life--cleared up a beautiful farm--raised and educated a large and respectable family--and lived long to enjoy the fruits of industry and the labor of his hands, and to repose in the happy consciousness of a virtuous and honorable career.

"Mr. Buffington lived to raise a family of nine children, all of whom became heads of families and were comfortably settled around him. He was also permitted to see 49 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, making a family of 66. For this deeply bereaved and afflicted family, we feel a sincere and affectionate regard, and extend to them the warmest sympathies of our nature.

"There is yet one who must not be forgotten--that one is a lone widow, in feeble health--who lingers but for a day or week, yet rejoices in the blessed hope of being reunited with the friend of her youth, the companion of her riper years, and her supporter in old age, in that bright world of hope and promise beyond the grave.

"Mr. Buffington's funeral was attended on Friday by a large concourse of citizens and relatives. An appropriate sermon was preached on the occasion by the Rev. S. P. Crawford, pastor of the Methodist Church in Aurora, and of which the deceased had been a member for 40 years. His remains were deposited on a high point, overlooking the fields he had cleared with his own hands and long cultivated for the support of his family." ---by G.W.L.

This obituary, written in the very flowery language typical of newspaper writing at that time, does not give much concrete information about John (1784-1852). It did reveal though that he, like his ancestor Richard the emigrant, left behind many, many descendants. His son, John (1813-1893) was the father of an even larger family, from 12 to 16 children. John (1784-1852) appears to be the ancestor of most Buffington descendants in the county. His younger brother Jonathan's descendants moved to Iowa. Little is known about the third brother Jehiel, but it is believed he died in the 1830's, possibly leaving several daughters as survivors and a widow.

Little more information on John (1784-1852) is to be found in the obituary on his widow, Nancy Cheek Buffington, which appeared 17 December 1868 on page 3 of the People's Advocate, an Aurora newspaper. Contrary to the gloomy expectations of John's obituary, she lived on for 16 more years. Her obituary follows:

"Died, at her residence near the city of Aurora, Wednesday, December 9, 1868, in her 80th year, Mrs. Nancy Buffington, Widow of Mr. John Buffington.

"Mrs. Buffington joined the M.E. Church in Wilmington under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Sparks in 1811, being then 22 years of age and has been a member ever since, being 57 years. Her piety was of an ardent and impressive kind. The self-denials, hardships and trials, incident to pioneer life developed a Christian devotion and zeal for the Savior quite unusual.

"Mrs. Buffington had been a great sufferer for many years and she could have more cheerfully submitted to all had she have had the privilege of attending church, but of this she was deprived for many years.

"She raised nine children, all of whom became heads of families. She had over 70 grandchildren and over 55 great grandchildren and lived to see children of the fourth generation from herself.

"Her funeral was well attended notwithstanding the extreme cold of Friday, December 11. Her remains were deposited by the side of her husband.

"Thus one by one the old pioneers are passing away. "---by C. Tinsley

The inscriptions on their tombstones in the old Buffington Cemetery between Aurora and the little village of Wilmington are:

John Buffington: Died Mar. 10, 1852, aged 68 years, 3 days

Nancy Buffington: Died Dec. 9, 1868, aged 79 years, 1 month, 19 days

This cemetery has been neglected and often is hard to reach because of overgrowth of weeds. Some residents have said that some old stones were cracked up for gravel for walks. Records on the stones of early Flakes and Buffingtons buried in this site have been made by the late Alina Baker, a Buffington descendant; an Aurora high school class, and recently by George (Doc) Buffington and Mrs. Maxine Mattox Brunner, both Aurora Buffington descendants. George Buffington was told that parts of two old log cabins are in a hollow near the cemetery.

The will of John (1784-1852) was copied by George Buffington, Aurora, who has devoted most of his time since retiring to research on the Buffington family in the local libraries, cemeteries and the courthouse. The will of John (1784-1852) follows:

"I will to John, Francis & Jehiel (his youngest son, not to be confused with his brother, who I reside on, South East quarter of Sec. 30 Twp. 5 Range 1, Center Township, 97 acres; John, south side quarter section; Jehiel, North section so as to embrace the homestead; William next part north of said Jehiel's, and Francis to have that part adjoining the part he now resides.

"Rosetta's children have my interest in lot 197 city of Aurora, No. 239 and 240; 1/5 Martha Vinson and her heirs; 1/5 deceased daughter Rosetta Willman and heirs; 1/5 children of Stephen deceased, and that Mary Elizabeth Buffington shall have \$200; each brother and sister \$50, and if there is any excess it shall go to Mary Elizabeth. The said Mary Elizabeth is living in my family. I intend to raise her; she is not to be charged, and no claim made against her. The other 1/5 to Rachel Huffman and her heirs. None to take effect during the lifetime of my wife Nancy.

"I appoint Francis and Jehiel executors with authority to sell lots in Aurora when they think the price is right. If any of my sons should be indebted to me, for real estate sold them, the amount will be divided between my four sons; Mary Elizabeth shall not be charged."

The youngest son, Jehiel, referred to in the will was the grandfather of George (Doc) Buffington of Aurora. It is believed that the Mary Elizabeth in the will was the youngest child of the deceased son Stephen and his first wife, Nancy Flake Buffington, who died of cholera in the 1833 epidemic, the year Mary Elizabeth was born.

According to George Buffington, the foundation and the old well of the "old home place" which was willed to the youngest son Jehiel are still there.

Court records show that final settlement of the will was not made until 17 years later, 7 August 1869, after the death of the widow, Nancy Cheek Buffington.

A biography on Henry F. Wright, son-in-law of the above deceased Stephen Buffington, on p. 763 of Shaw's History of Dearborn County, relates that the Buffington family "lived in one of the pioneer block houses, employed by the early settlers as a protection against unfriendly Indians. As was the custom in those early days, they tilled the soil and cleared all the land possible."

The History of Dearborn and Ohio Counties does not have a biography of Jonathan, younger brother of John (1784-1852), but does mention him in a biography of his son John (1818-1899), who was a farmer, blacksmith, and flat-boat pilot on the Ohio River. The early censuses show that many early Buffingtons worked on riverboats in the 1800's when they weren't farming. The biography mentions that 1818 John's father Jonathan was born in Pennsylvania and "immigrated to this county in 1807" where he (Jonathan) followed farming in summer and piloted on the (Ohio) River in the winter. Jonathan's wife, Jane Moore Buffington, was born in Kentucky, 22 August 1800, and came to Dearborn County in 1805 with her parents. According to the history, "they raised a family of six children, the father dying in 1827, the mother in 1882." Many of their descendants moved to Iowa except for the son John (1818-1899), known as "Capt. John," who remained in Dearborn County all his life. Capt. John was married 1 July 1852 to Eliza Carabaugh, member of another pioneer family that intermarried with early Buffingtons. They had three children but only one, Oscar D., lived to adulthood. Oscar died 15 September 1941 in Kansas City, Missouri leaving a widow, Mrs. Emma Yanker Langley Buffington.

The obituary of John Buffington (1818-1899) appeared in a June, 1899, issue of the Lawrenceburg Democrat, but it too did not add much to the knowledge of the Buffington family. The obituary follows:

"John Buffington died at his residence in Wilmington on June 28, at 9 o'clock at the age of 80 years, 7 months and 11 days. He was born on the 17th of November, 1818, in Dearborn County, this state.

"On July 1st, 1852, he was married to Eliza Carabaugh. To this union three children were born, two having died in infancy, leaving one son, Oscar D. and one granddaughter, Helen, who with the widow and numerous other relatives and friends are left to mourn their loss.

"Mr. Buffington was one of the old pioneers of this county and one of the oldest citizens of Wilmington.

"His occupation was that of a river pilot, but on account of defective eyesight, he was compelled to abandon his chosen profession many years ago. His chief delight was in describing incidents and happenings that took place on his voyages. His young friends have followed him (in imagination) many trips down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

"He was a kind husband and honest upright citizen and was at peace with all mankind. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow for nearly 40 years and was a charter member of Dearborn Lodge No. 536 100F. He has filled all the offices of this lodge with credit and has been its representative several times at the Grand Lodge. During the 10 weeks of his illness, he never suffered an hour, but he realized that the end was near and put his trust in God. An hour before the summons came, having lost his power of speech, he reached for his companion's hand and clasped it as though to say goodbye.

"The funeral solemnities took place at the M.E. Church Friday afternoon, June 30th, conducted by Rev. Isaac Turner assisted by Rev. M. W. Roof, after which the 100F conducted their burial ceremony and deposited the remains in Wilmington Cemetery."

Cemetery inscriptions of this family, all on one stone in the Wilmington Cemetery across from a school, were copied by George Buffington of Aurora and are as follows:

John Buffington 1818-1899
Eliza J. Buffington 1824-1909
William H. Buffington 1853-1854
John Buffington Jr. 1860-1862

Philip Buffington consort of Sarah Buffington, died 1858
Sarah Buffington born 5/29/1823; died 3/16/1905
Philip was the brother of John Buffington (1818-1899); he was married
10 July 1845 to Sara A. Still.

Estate records of Dearborn County show that final settlement of Jonathan Buffington's will was made in 1829, Book 1, p. 134. David Bowers was executor and John Gray and James Hulbert were sureties.

Philip Buffington's will was dated 3 Jan. 1859 with Sarah A. Buffington as administrator and William H. Small, executor. The final settlement was June 5, 1853.

It seems strange that there are so few records on Jehiel Buffington, because he appears to have been more politically active than his brothers John and Jonathan. Jehiel apparently was active in the organization of the town of Aurora because he was one of the signers of the Aurora Association when the town was officially formed; in 1818. He also was a constable, according to Shaw's history; "an action for neglect of duty as constable" was brought against him in a legal case by Isaac Cannon but the case was dismissed for "no cause. . . at plaintiff's cost."

The only other references to Jehiel in the county histories are for land sales to "Jehial" Buffington in 1811, 1814 and 1815. Perhaps one of the reasons he is so hard to trace is that early settlers had difficulty spelling this name. It has been spelled Jehial, Johial, Jahial, and in one census even "Ahiei." A Buffington with no first name at all is in the 1830 census, undoubtedly Jehiel.

Until December, 1969, it was thought that perhaps this Jehiel had moved out of the state at an early age and that that was perhaps the reason there were so few records on him and the reason why he was not in the 1840 census. However, in December 1969, George Buffington of Aurora, who has been making a tedious page-by-page search of Dearborn County court records and newspapers, found a court record referring to Jehiel and his widow Elizabeth, indicating that he had not left the area at all, but had died early. It had been suspected that she was his widow, but there was no record before to back up this assumption.

Some records involving land of Stephen Buffington, young cholera victim and oldest son of 1784 John Buffington, mention property that Stephen had bought from Elizabeth Buffington, "her dower as the widow of Jehiel Buffington." This property was bought by Stephen 7 July 1847 for \$250 and was to be sold at auction 28 December 1850 to settle Stephen's estate after his untimely death. His second wife Lydia also died of cholera at that time. The farm was sold at auction to Stephen's son James Buffington.

Despite this new information, the date of Jehiel's death is still a mystery. In 1823 Arthur Vance bought 40 acres of Jehiel Buffington's land at a sheriff's sale. This might indicate death at this time; however, it is almost certain he is the unnamed Buffington in the 1830 census with a son and five daughters. The logical assumption is that he died between 1830 and 1840, possibly in the 1833 cholera epidemic which took a heavy toll, including Stephen Buffington's first wife Nancy and several close relatives of 1784 John Buffington's wife, Nancy Cheek Buffington.

Of the four daughters that Jehiel and Elizabeth Buffington had, the most certain one is Mariah Buffington who was married 20 June 1839 to John Flake (brother of Nancy Flake Buffington, wife of Stephen Buffington). Mariah did not belong to either 1784 John or brother Jonathan, and since hers was one of the earliest Buffington marriages in the county, she undoubtedly had to be a daughter of Jehiel by process of elimination. Also, when descendants of the allied Flake family were preparing a genealogy of that family recently, one of the co-authors found a note that Mariah was the daughter of "Jehial" Buffington; however, as yet there is no authority for this assumption. The Dearborn County Marriage Book in the Lawrenceburg courthouse, Book 5, p. 131, does have a record of this marriage, but does not state the parents. This couple lived in Hancock County, Kentucky, and Maria died in Hancock County, Kentucky in 1846, leaving three children, George W. Flake (1840-1865) who died later in the Civil War; Harriet Flake (1843-1851), and Oliver Flake (1846-). John Flake soon married a Mary Nichols in 1847, and descendants of this second marriage have been traced to the present generation, but nothing more is known of the three children of the first marriage. A search has been underway for a diary of John Flake in the hope that it will tell what became of these three children and perhaps tell more of Mariah's identity.

Since a Roxanna Buffington witnessed the sale of Elizabeth Buffington's land to Stephen Buffington in 1847, it also is possible that she may be a daughter of old Jehiel and Elizabeth Buffington. Roxanna married John B. Hayes in May, 1850. They appear in the 1850 census in the city of Aurora as John Hayes, 25, carpenter, born in Ohio, and his wife, Roxanna Hayes, 20, born in Indiana. In the 1880 census they were listed as residents of Chesterville.

Sparta Township, as John Hayes, storekeeper, 55; wife Roxanna Hayes, 51; Clara E. Hayes, 13, and Fannie, 9. A John Hayes served in the 146th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Company G, in the Civil War. An obituary for John B. Hayes states that he was born 17 November 1827 in Lebanon, O., and died 31 March 1890 in Wilmington, Indiana. He moved from Indiana, before returning to Wilmington to live. Unfortunately his obituary did not help in identifying his wife. His Civil War record states he was born in Ireland.

No obituary has been found for Roxanna, who died 15 November 1908 in Wilmington, but her death certificate states that she was the daughter of "Jonathin" Buffington. However, this may be an error since it was signed by Rella Huffman, not a close relative of Mrs. Hayes. Rella was a daughter-in-law of Rachel Buffington Huffman. It is not known that Roxanna was the daughter of Jonathan Buffington, younger brother of 1784 John. She was born 13 November 1829, and it is believed Jonathan died in 1826. Another Jonathan Buffington lived not far away in Butler County, Ohio, and was married there 13 June 1819 to Mahala Berin.

A deed dated 2 August 1873 seems to offer the best clue to the identity of Roxanna. The deed states that Mary A. Walker, Roxanna Hayes and John Hayes her husband, and Nancy Withrow and Cabel Withrow her husband, "convey and warrant to Emeline Buffington of Dearborn County, for the sum of \$150, lots in Blake and Chamberlain's addition to the town of Wilmington--said lots being the estate of which Elizabeth Buffington, mother of the grantors, died seized." This seems to imply that Jehiel and Elizabeth were the parents of these three women. In the 1850 census an Elizabeth, 47, was living in the household of a Warren Lawrence and wife, Elizabeth.

The 1850 census in Sparta Township shows a Cabel Witherow, 29, living with a wife, Nancy, 24, and son, William H., 3. Nancy Buffington married Cabel Withrow 8 January 1846. A James Withrow, soldier of 1812, died 30 December 1871, at the home of James Gordon, Aurora. A J.D. Withrow served in Co. F., 37th Ind. Inf., and a J. E. Withrow who died 10 June 1915 at age 63 is buried in Dillsboro. George A. Withrow, 21, Dillsboro, son of Woodward and Mary Proctor Withrow, was married 8 January 1907 to Lucy Ginter, 21, daughter of Fred and June E. Rowland Ginter.

Although the parentage of Mary A. Buffington Walker is still uncertain, many present-day descendants are known, both through census records and through recollections of a grandson, George P. Walker. He does not recall his grandparents, but does remember "Aunt Roxy" Hayes, "a tall big-boned woman who lived in a two-story building near the old Wilmington courthouse." Mary and Sylvester Walker were married 28 October 1841. The 1850 census lists Sylvester Walker, 29, carpenter, with wife, Mary A. Walker, 29; and three sons, George J. Walker, 7, William C. Walker, 5; and Robert Walker, 4. Mary and Sylvester had at least three other children: 1. Perry Walker, born in 1854 in Ohio County, Indiana; 2. Eddie Walker, who married and moved West, and 3. Harriett Ellen Walker.

Their son, George J. Walker, was married 24 April 1865 to Anna L. Johnston. In the 1870 census George J. Walker, 27 carpenter, was listed with a wife Annie and two children, Lanora Walker, 4, and Jane Walker, 4 months. He had at least two other children: Holt Walker of Harrison, Ohio, and Anna Walker, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Robert Walker, son of Mary and Sylvester, had at least three children: 1. Nettie Walker; 2. Lou Walker, and 3. a son, _____ Walker.

Perry Walker married first Alice McIntyre and had three daughters: 1. Sylvia who married Charles W. Mason; 2. Adaline Pearl Walker who married Frank M. Schuler, and 3. _____. By his second marriage to Theresa Ritter he had four children: 1. George P. Walker who married Lucile A. Pochlman; 2. Edith Walker who married Elmer Beinkemper of Cincinnati, Ohio; 3. Adam, born 1899 and died 1922, and 4. Arnold Walker, died young. Perry Walker died in 1916.

Harriett Ellen Walker, daughter of Mary and Sylvester, married John L. Swango 26 February 1868 and had at least one son, Everett Swango, and daughter, Mollie Swango. Everett married Laura Walston.

George Buffington found the following marriage records which may concern this family of Walkers:
Edwin Walker married Cordelia Canfield 1 January 1866

Robert Walker married Harriett M. English 26 February 1868
William Walker married Elizabeth Lischke 30 March 1876

Most of the facts known about Dearborn County Buffingtons, particularly about 1784 John and his descendants, come from court records, marriage records, newspaper accounts, and other factual records, and a few family stories. It is unfortunate that the interesting experiences hinted at in the obituary and biography of 1784 John have not survived. From records of the Flakes, Morrisons, and other early Dearborn County families who settled at the same time, it is known that the Buffingtons lived a typical harsh pioneer existence. Since Dearborn County was one of the earliest areas to be settled in Indiana, settlers were still subject to danger from Indians in the early 1800's, and many settlers related tales of wolves and panthers in the area. Blockhouses were still common in those early years. To these dangers were added the Ohio River floods.

Statistics alone show that cholera played a very tragic part in the lives of 1784 John Buffington and his family, particularly the family of his oldest son Stephen. The 1833 cholera epidemic, which took a very high toll of the leading citizens of the county, was inadvertently started by Page Cheek, an uncle of Nancy Cheek Buffington, the wife of 1784 John. According to the History of Dearborn and Ohio Counties, the epidemic began as follows:

"A steamboat ascending the Ohio River in the month of May, 1833, landed near the mouth of Tanner's Creek to bury one of the deck hands who had died of cholera. Two men, one an old citizen of Dearborn County, by the name of Page Cheek, were fishing near the place this boat landed. The officers of the boat, seeing these men, employed them to bury this body, which they did. All the next day, Cheek, who lived near the mouth of Wilson's Creek, about a mile from Tanner's Creek, plowed in the cornfield, apparently well, but during the night he was suddenly attacked with cholera and died after a short illness. His brother-in-law, Eli Green, went with his wife (Nancy Cheek Green) to the funeral. Within a week both Green and his wife died with cholera, and in a few days after their deaths, three of their children also died, making five deaths out of this family of seven persons. The disease spread through the neighborhood, and soon appeared at Aurora, where a large number of deaths occurred, among the number some of the most prominent citizens. It is impossible now to ascertain the number of deaths which occurred, as no account of this epidemic in Dearborn County was ever published.

This cholera epidemic not only claimed the lives of Nancy Cheek Buffington's aunt and uncle, Page Cheek and Nancy Cheek Green, but also possibly the life of her daughter-in-law, Nancy Flake Buffington, who died in November, 1833, in her 24th year. Nancy was the wife of Stephen Buffington, oldest son of 1784 John. In the 1849 cholera epidemic, Stephen and his second wife, Lydia Upp, both died. Two children believed to be theirs, John F., 2, and Stephen, 9, also died in that epidemic.

Tombstone dates indicate that possibly other Buffingtons may have been victims of the 1849 cholera epidemic. Rosetta Buffington Willman, daughter of 1784 John and wife of Christian Willman, died 16 June 1849. An infant grandson of 1784 John, Green W. Buffington, died 8 June 1850. He was the son of Jehiel Buffington (born 1822), youngest son of 1784 John.

Military records have been another source of information on Buffingtons of Dearborn County. Since the three brothers--John, Jonathan and Jehiel--probably were 14 years old or less when they came to Dearborn County with their widowed mother, they were too young to serve in the Revolution. It is doubtful that any of them served in the War of 1812. Not much is known about their father, Joseph Buffington, who died before 1804, and possibly before 1796 when the family left Washington County, Pennsylvania. No records have been found to indicate that he was a Revolutionary veteran.

Since 1784 John died in 1852, he did not live to see the Civil War, but his widow was still living and had at least three grandsons in the Civil War, one of whom died while in service. Blythe Buffington, son of William Cheek Buffington and grandson of 1784 John, served in the 16th Indiana Infantry Regiment. He suffered typhoid fever and pneumonia while in service and was released because he was disabled by a lame foot. He died 7 July 1899 and is buried in Riverview Cemetery near Aurora. Two sons of Rosetta Buffington Willman served in the Civil War. Pvt. Christian Willman, who lived with his grandfather John Buffington after his mother's early death, enlisted 13 January 1862 at 21 and died a short time later, 28 April 1862, at nearby Covington, Kentucky. He served in

Company H of the 54th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, according to the Roll of Honor of Ohio Soldiers. He is buried in the old Buffington Cemetery on Aurora-Wilmington Road. His brother, Henry Willman, was wounded in 1861 and lost several horses while in action with the cavalry, but lived to return home to Dearborn County, where he died 13 March 1913. When he entered the Third Indiana Cavalry in 1862, he was sworn in by Henry F. Wright, husband of Caroline Buffington Wright, daughter of Stephen and Nancy Flake Buffington. Capt. Henry Wright died in Memphis, Tennessee in 1864. Two sons of William and Clara Day Buffington were World War I veterans, Charles A. Buffington and William Buffington Jr.

The Nine Children of John Buffington, 1784-1852 and his wife,
Nancy Cheek Buffington, 1789-1868

I. MARY BUFFINGTON

Little is known about Mary Buffington, the oldest daughter, except for what appears in the old Buffington family Bible and a few court records. She was married to Bartholo Ferrand and had at least one child, Hiram Ferrand, probably the first grandchild of 1784 John. She was born 18 September 1805 in Aurora, but the dates of her marriage and death are unknown.

George Buffington of Aurora found a marriage record that a Mary Ann Farrand was married 8 March 1832 to a James Galbreath in the Dearborn County marriage books. This could indicate that Mary Buffington Ferrand became a widow immediately or that her husband had a sister also named Mary Farrand. However, he also found a court record that Mary Farrand had been summoned to appear in court in July, 1867, in a complicated court case that involved many of the children and grandchildren of 1784 John Buffington.

Another marriage record shows that Hiram Ferrand married Elizabeth Rose 26 September 1841. Thus far this family has not been traced down to the present generation. One difficulty in searching for records on them is that the name is often misspelled. Many times it appears as Farran, which in handwritten records can easily be confused with Farrar, another early family in Dearborn County. A store license was granted to "Faran" and Johnson of Centre Township in the December, 1846, session of the county commissioners.

According to the recently published book, "Descendants of Adam Flake" of Dearborn Co., Indiana, a Juliann Ferrand (Fahrend, Fehrend), who was born 12 February 1811, was married 13 August 1829 to Isaac Bruce, born 11 December 1808 in Dearborn County. Isaac Bruce died 13 August 1880 and is buried in Mt. Sinai Cemetery and Juliann Ferrand Bruce died 13 March 1874. Isaac Bruce was a pilot on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers for 16 years, taking produce and cattle to New Orleans. This same information is given in the History of Dearborn and Ohio Counties.

II. STEPHEN BUFFINGTON

Possibly the most tragic of the Buffingtons was Stephen Buffington who lost his young wife during the 1833 cholera epidemic. Stephen, the oldest son of 1784 John and Nancy (Cheek) Buffington, was born 10 October 1807 in Dearborn County. His first wife, Nancy Flake, born 12 May in 1809 or 1810 in Dearborn County, was the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Flake and granddaughter of old Adam Flake, pioneer who settled in Dearborn County in 1796. He is mentioned in a commemorative plaque on the West Side bridge in Aurora. Nancy's brother, John Flake, married a Maria Buffington, believed to be the daughter of old Jehiel Buffington. Nancy died at only 24 years of age in 1833, the year of one of the worst cholera epidemics. Stephen, a widower with a son and three daughters, was married 16 November 1834 to Lydia Upp. It is believed that only one daughter of his second marriage, Sarah Buffington Lake Hancock, grew to adulthood. Two Buffington children, John, 9, and Stephen, 1, both died during the 1849 cholera epidemic which took the lives of Stephen Buffington and his second wife Lydia. These two boys are believed to be their sons, but it is not known if Stephen had any other children by his second marriage besides Sarah. Stephen and both his wives are buried in the Buffington-Flake cemetery on Wilmington Road near the Probst farm.

Due to his early death, there are few public records on Stephen. He was chosen a grand juror to serve in 1848, and he borrowed and repaid \$66 to a United States Surplus Revenue Fund that year, but otherwise few records can be found on him. Not much is known about Stephen Buffington except that he acquired a large amount of property during his short lifetime. He had bought some property from Elizabeth Buffington, widow of old Jehiel, before his death. After his death, some of his property was acquired by his son James. Direct descendants of the son James now live in Arizona, but descendants of Stephen through his oldest daughter, Caroline Buffington Wright, have remained in the vicinity of Aurora and Cincinnati until now, and it is believed descendants of the other daughters still live in the vicinity also.

The four children of Stephen and Nancy Flake Buffington are:

1. Caroline Buffington, who was born 4 August 182 , and was married 1 September 1847 to Henry F. Wright. After the death of Stephen and Lydia, Stephen's children made their home with Henry and Caroline. Henry F. Wright was the son of Ira Wright and grandson of Private Robert Wright, Revolutionary veteran, both early settlers in the area. Henry Wright organized a Cavalry company in the Civil War and died 21 September 1864 in a Confederate prison in Memphis, Tennessee. Caroline lived on their large farm near Aurora alone many years after their children were grown and died August 191 . Caroline Buffington Wright and Henry Wright had eight children:
 - a. Mrs. Harriet Wright Trester, b. 24 December 1848. She was married 20 March 1861 to Milton Trester, later lived in Lincoln, Nebraska, and died 15 June 1919.
 - b. Josiah Chambers Wright, b. 5 January 1850; married 20 February 1872 to Mary E. Eckels (1850-1927) daughter of William and Mary H. Justis Eckels, and died 1929. Josiah was a local contractor and builder who built the old Palace Theater, Aurora library, old Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, and many homes in Aurora. His own 10-room house built on West Conwell Street had three stories with a manual elevator and several other unusual features. He was active in church work and at one time published a temperance newspaper.
 - c. Henrietta Wright Fullerton, b. 14 March 1852; married 23 April 1872 to Henry Fullerton, and had at least one son, Charles Fullerton, who was with the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad many years and made his home near Washington D.C. with his wife, Laura. They lived earlier in Washington, Ind. Henrietta died 8 November 1889 at 37 years of age.
 - d. Charles F. Wright
 - e. Dr. James Buffington Wright, who was born 28 November 1853 and married Elizabeth Perry 3 December 1885. They had no children. Elizabeth died 4 April 1930, nearly 28 years after the death of Dr. Wright, who died 14 September 1901 at the age of 47.
 - f. Emma Wright Osborne was born 11 February 1858 and died 26 May 1921 at 62 years of age. She was married 28 November 1879 to Henry E. Osborne and had two daughters, Miss Alma Osborne, who taught school in Dearborn County many years before her death of cancer at the age of 63 on 12 August 1944, and Miss Luella Osborne, also deceased. Alma Osborne was very active in the Aurora Methodist Church.
 - g. Amos M. Wright, b. 20 August 1860, a farmer, died a suicide at the age of only 22 on 25 January 1883.
 - h. Mrs. Clara Wright Hooper, b. 19 April 1862, died 15 July 1944 in nearby Dillsboro at the age of 82, the last member of the family of Henry and Caroline Wright to die. She was married 9 August 1882 to James N. Hooper, an active Democrat many years who held local office in the county and in Dillsboro. At the age of 6 she joined the Methodist Church in Aurora, which her father had helped found, and she was a member of Dillsboro Methodist Church after moving to Dillsboro in 1909. Her husband died 7 March 1932, and her son, Orris Ray Hooper, their only child, died 28 February 1942. Orris was born 5 May 1885, attended the old Moores Hill College, and taught near Aurora in his early years. At her death, Mrs. Hooper had three grandsons, James T., now an attorney in Lawrenceburg; Orris Ray Hooper and John W. Hooper.

2. James Buffington, only son of Stephen and Nancy Flake Buffington, was b. 10 November 1829 in Dearborn County, but later moved away and died 8 October 1899 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. In the 1850 census he was living with Caroline and Henry Wright after the death of his father and in 1850 he bought part of Stephen's property when it was sold to settle the estate. His son, Arthur Vance Buffington, was born in 1862 in Oregon, so James did not remain in Aurora long. He was married 14 August 1859 to Elizabeth Lewis who was born 31 January 1842 in Missouri and died 19 January 1889. She was buried in Oakland, Oregon.

Their son, Arthur Vance Buffington, was born 11 March 1862, near Corvallis, Oregon, and died 25 August 1950 in Roseburn, Oregon, with burial in Oakland, Oregon. His wife, Mary Josephine Wilson, was born 16 December 1866, in Sierraville, California, and died 24 June 1958 in Los Angeles, California. She was buried in Whittier, California.

Information on this branch of the family was provided by Arthur's son, Wilfred Loren Buffington, Box 205, Pima, Arizona, who was born 21 February 1892 in the Dalles, Oregon, but has lived many years in Arizona. His wife was postmistress there many years before her recent retirement. He was married 19 September 1917 to Zola Webb, born 8 January 1896 in Eden, Arizona. They have a son, Dr. Lyle Webb Buffington, born 17 November 1919, in Pima, Arizona, and married 2 March 1944 to Helen Jones.

3. Nancy Buffington was b. 23 September 1831 and married 17 December 1851 to William Ashcroft or Ashcraft. Descendants are not known, but families named Ashcraft have lived in Aurora down to the present generation. Buried in Mount Sinai Cemetery near several Huffman and Hennigan graves are David M. Ashcraft (1877-1953) and Mary A. Ashcraft (1889-19).
4. Mary Elizabeth Buffington was born 23 October 1833 and was married 23 November 1853 to James Huffman. She died 9 August 1895. James Huffman undoubtedly was related to her aunt Rachel's husband, Elijah Huffman, but James' parents are not known. A James Huffman was a sergeant in the Civil War in the 146th Regiment Ind. Vols. Co. G. At least three or four Buffingtons married Huffmans. After her father's early death Mary Elizabeth lived with her grandfather, 1784 John, while Stephen's other children lived with their older sister, Caroline Buffington Wright. Her grandfather made special provisions for her in his will, stating "that she is not to be charged and no claim (is to be) made against her" as "I intend to raise her." She was nearly 19 when he died in 1852.

By his second marriage to Lydia Upp, Stephen is believed to have had at least three children. The two boys who died in the 1849 cholera epidemic, Stephen and John, are believed to be his sons. Also a 13-year-old girl Sarah Ann Buffington, is found living with Caroline and Henry Wright in the 1850 Census along with Stephen's two other children, Nancy and James Buffington, while the other daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was with their grandfather, 1784 John Buffington. Sarah Lake is mentioned in January, 1855, as one of the heirs of Stephen Buffington, along with Nancy Ashcraft, Mary Buffington and James Buffington. Sarah Ann Buffington, born 20 September 1836, was married 17 December 1851 to William Lake and on 8 December 1874 to Wesley Hancock, but it is not known how many children she had. Mrs. Mabel Wright Homer, Franklin, Indiana, granddaughter of Caroline Buffington Wright, recalls that "Aunt Sarah" had a son, John Hancock. Sarah Hancock died in April or May 1893 while under the guardianship of Josiah C. Wright, son of Caroline Buffington Wright. When he was appointed Sarah's guardian, Caroline posted bond. Sarah A. Hancock is buried in Riverview Cemetery and the stone gives the date of death as 26 April 1893. George Buffington has found a group of old Hancock burial stones near the Probst farm.

An old bridge over South Hogan Creek on the road to Wilmington was referred to as the "Hancock bridge" in 1846 records of the county commissioners.

Although most of the descendants of Stephen Buffington are not known down to the present generation, Josiah C. Wright, son of Caroline Buffington Wright, remained in the vicinity and had a large family. Many of his descendants are known to the present generation and will be listed below.

Josiah C. Wright and his wife, Mary Eckels Wright, had seven children:

- a. Harold Everett (Harley) Wright, born 19 September 1872, spent most of his life in Lawrenceburg before his death 8 January 1956 at the age of 83. He and his wife, Nora Alma Stonebreaker, had a large family of 10 children: (1) Iva Selena Wright Houston, died 1940 in Lawrenceburg; (2) Hilda Marie Wright, now Mrs. Jack Anderson, living in Lawrenceburg; (3) Stanley Sewell Wright, Lawrenceburg; (4) Thelma Elizabeth Caroline Wright Zeller, living in Cincinnati; (5) Mona Letitia Wright Koilstedt of nearby Hamilton, Ohio, and (6) Elda Theodosia Wright Weller, Hamilton, Ohio, and four others who died in childhood. Mrs. Nora Alma Wright died in 1953 at the age of 78.
- b. Emma Caroline Wright, born 27 August 1874. She was married to O. T. Cumback and later lived in Hinsdale, Illinois.
- c. John Wesley Wright, born 27 July 1877; married 26 October 1900 to Mary Edith Giffin, daughter of John and Florence Meeker Giffin, and died 25 April 1951 in Aurora, where he operated the old Wright Lumber Yard many years. His widow died 30 May 1969 at the age of 91. She had in her possession several old items that once belonged to Caroline Buffington Wright, including a cranberry glass pitcher, an old table, tintypes and old photo albums.
- d. Ralph Justus (Justis) Wright, born 3 May 1882, later lived in Crown Point, Indiana, where he retired at the age of 73 from the Root Lumber Co., after many years in the lumber business. When he retired, two brothers, Harley and Oren, and two sisters, Emma and Mabel were still living.
- e. Dr. Oren Henry Wright, was born 2 February 1885, but spent most of his life in Chicago, Illinois. A son, Robert Wright, lives in Aurora, Colorado, with his family. Dr. Wright was married to Chloe Stoneking. He died in 1959 and his wife died in 1969.
- f. Mrs. Mabel Wright Homer, born 1 April 1887, is the only one of the children of Josiah C. Wright still living. She lives in the Methodist retirement home in Franklin, Indiana. Her husband, the Rev. Harry A. Homer, was a Methodist minister in Indiana many years, but died in Ames, Iowa, 6 November 1950 at the age of 67. He was buried in Hartford City, Indiana, where he had served as pastor. They had two daughters and a son. Mary Elizabeth Homer is the wife of L. Meyer Jones, dean of veterinary medicine at the University of Illinois. Charlotte Homer, now Mrs. Benjamin Edwards, Indianapolis, Indiana, has four daughters, Lezli, Lori, Lynda and Liza Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have three children, Larry Jones, studying for a doctorate at the University of Chicago; Charlotte Jones Kausch, teaching in Chicago, and Ronald Jones, law student now stationed at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, California, after a year with the Marines in Vietnam. Paul Homer, Miami, Florida, is an Eastern Airlines pilot.
- g. Naomi Laura Wright, born 22 May 1894; was married 27 March 1919 to the Rev. A. R. Sanks, also a Methodist minister, and died 4 May 1925, leaving an infant son, Robert Raymond Sanks.

Of the seven children of Josiah C. Wright, only Harley and John W. Wright remained in Dearborn County. John W. Wright remained in the old family home built by Josiah and continued his father's business, which he entered at the age of 14. He and his wife, Edith, had six children, but only three lived to adulthood. Their children were:

1. Marjorie Wright, born 15 December 1902; attended John Herron Art Institute, Indianapolis; married to Harold S. Childers of Marion, Indiana, who now lives in Aurora. She died 26 August 1931 in Cincinnati. They had two daughters--Sandra Childers, who married Robert Storey of Aurora in October, 1951, and has two children, Robert and Cheryl Storey at the family home in Jacksonville, Florida; and Virginia Childers, who married Walter J. Zeboski, Benton, Illinois, an Associated Press photographer, 24 May 1953, and had one son, Jan Zeboski, living at the family home in Sacramento, California. Mr. Zeboski has worked for the Associated Press more than 20 years and Mrs. Zeboski, an Indiana University graduate, worked for the Indianapolis Star nine years.

2. Zeida Elizabeth Wright and her husband, Charles H. Elston, a Congressman from Cincinnati, Ohio, many years, now make their home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mrs. Elston has two daughters, Gloria now Mrs. Wes Delroy of West Covina, California, and Eugenia, Mrs. Doane Darling, Dayton, Ohio. Gloria has two daughters, Linda and Karen, and a son, Steven, and Eugenia has four children, Suellen Tyler, Mark Boyd, Gregory Boyd, and Amy Darling.
3. Robert Maxwell Wright, now living in Cincinnati, Ohio, has spent most of his life in Aurora and also has worked in the lumber business most of his life. He and his wife, Anne Elliott Wright, have three sons: Robert N. Wright, Indianapolis, married to Irene Ulrich of Aurora; and Jerry and Jay Wright, both of Cincinnati, Ohio. All three are graduates of the University of Cincinnati. Jay is in the Air Force.
4. Harold Wright, died in infancy
5. Roswell Wright, died in infancy
6. Loraine Wright, born 25 August 1913, and died 16 August 1927 at the age of 13.

III. MARTHA PATTY BUFFINGTON

Like the oldest daughter, Mary, little is known about the second oldest daughter, Martha Patty Buffington, who was born 13 September 1809 in Aurora, according to the 1784 John Buffington Bible record.

It is known that she married a man named Vinson since the will of her father, 1784 John Buffington, left land to "Martha Vinson and her heirs." Martha Vinson appears in the 1850 Census in Center Township as a widow of 42 with four children: Stephen Vinson, 17; Frances (female), 14; John, 12, and Elias, 10.

In the 1840 census a James Vinson and his wife were both in the 30-40 age group with a son under 5 and two daughters 5-10. The ages do not correspond to the 1850 family of Martha, however censuses then were not always accurate. The only other Vinson household in the 1850 census there was a Joseph Vinson with a wife Cynthia. Until other records are found, the name of Martha's first husband will be uncertain.

A later marriage record shows that Martha Vinson married Thomas White 16 September 1857. She is mentioned as "Martha Vinson, now Martha White, the wife of Thomas White," in a probate court case in July, 1867.

Marriage records show that a John Vinson married a Mary Bruce 31 December 1869. It also is believed that Martha's son married a Viola Bradley, although it is not certain whether he is the John Vinson who married Mary Bruce.

Present-day descendants of Martha Vinson White are not known at this time.

IV. ROSETTA BUFFINGTON

John Buffington's third daughter was Rosetta Buffington, born 18 August 1811 in Dearborn County and married 4 June 1839 to Christian Willman (also spelled Wilman). Rosetta died a fairly young woman on 14 June 1849, probably a victim of the severe cholera epidemic that year which also claimed the life of her oldest brother, Stephen, and his second wife, Lydia Upp. Her father, John Buffington (1784-1852), left real estate to heirs of his deceased daughter "Rosette" Willman in his will.

What information is available on Rosetta's children and descendants has come mainly from census, burial, military, and probate records. The 1850 census shows her widower, Christian Wilman, 45, in Center Township with his second wife, young Sarah Ann Carey, 19, whom he married 27 June 1850 and soon divorced in October, 1853. Living with them were a son, Henry Wilman, 10, and a small child, Davis Wilman, 2.

However, a third child, Johiel Wilman, 11, born in Indiana, was living with Rosetta's father, 1784 John Buffington, in that same census. It is believed that this third son must have been named Jehiel Christian or

Christian Jehiel Willman because later military, marriage, land and death records seem to indicate that Jehiel Willman and a younger Christian Willman, a Civil War soldier, are the same person.

Near Rosetta's grave in the old Buffington graveyard on Aurora-Wilmington Road is the grave of Christian Willman, Co. H, 56th Ohio Infantry. A Pvt. Christian Wilmar or Wilman is listed both in the Official Record of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion 1861-66 and Roll of Honor of Ohio Soldiers. He was a private, 21, who enlisted for three years on 13 January 1862, but died of disease 28 April 1862 in Covington, Kentucky, which is near Aurora, Indiana. He was with the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Regt. 54, Co. H. The National Archives did not find a record on him, but that may be because the name is often misspelled as Wellman, Williams, Wilmar, even Wittman.

Marriage records show that a Jehiel Willman married a Cynthia Ricketts 4 May 1861. This no doubt is the "Johiel Wilman" of the 1850 census and the "Christian Wilmar" who died in the Civil War because Cynthia was married by 1863 to Jehiel Christian Willman's uncle, Jehiel Buffington, born 1822, youngest son of 1734 John. Another record on Jehiel Willman shows that he sold his interest in Lot 197, left to him by his Grandfather Buffington, to his uncle, F. C. Buffington, on 22 January 1861.

An 1867 legal case concerning the estate of 1784 John Buffington indicates that Rosetta Buffington Willman may also have had two daughters, Nancy Flemming and Malinda Brock or Brooks, but thus far little information has been found on them. This case included heirs of Rosetta Willman, Rachel Buffington Huffman and Stephen Buffington, and listed a Malinda Brooks and Nancy Flemming along with Davis Willman, Henry Willman and Cynthia Buffington (widow of Jehiel Christian Willman). A Malinda Willman was married 28 February 1856 to an Andrew Brock or Brooks. It is also possible that Nancy Flemming was Rosetta's daughter too. Local papers carried a notice in 1924 that "Mr. and Mrs. John Willman were called to Manchester last week due to the death of their aged aunt Mrs. Jennie Flemmings who died suddenly 26 October 1924." This notice, however, does not clarify the Nancy Flemming relationship since Jennie Flemmings was the sister of Barbara Frank Willman, wife of Henry Willman.

In a cemetery in Dillsboro, Goerge Buffington found graves of:
Wesley Flemmings--28 June 1827-20 February 1909
Martha J. Flemmings--17 February 1835-4 March 1898
John Flemming, former Aurora councilman and fireman, died 1 August 1891.

Further confusion has been added to the confusion of the Willman children because their father Christian Willman, Rosetta's widower, evidently married several times more. After his divorce from his second wife, Sarah, in 1853, he applied for marriage licenses to marry Lucinda Nichols 22 May 1854, Amanda McCarmey 8 January 1861, and Rose Taylor 19 January 1863. No other divorce records have been found for him, and his date of death is not known.

There is much more information available on Henry Willman, Rosetta's second son, thanks to National Archives records on his Civil War service and to descendants still living in the area. Henry Willman volunteered at age 22 on 26 February 1862 and was sworn into the Third Indiana Cavalry by his cousin's husband, Henry F. Wright, who later died in a Confederate prison camp. Henry Wright was the husband of Caroline Buffington Wright, daughter of Stephen Buffington. At the time of enlistment Henry Willman was described as being five feet five inches tall with blue eyes, sandy hair and sandy complexion.

His petition for an invalid pension in 1879 at the age of 42 states that while in the line of duty at Bealton Station, Virginia, he received a severe injury to his back by being struck with a fence rail thrown by the explosion of a shell. He was treated by a regimental surgeon in a private house eight months and discharged from service 24 February 1865 at Winchester, Virginia. Almost as much information was given about the fate of his horses. "One horse died 18 May 1862 at Washington D. C. from the effect of improper transportation and want of forage, and one horse was killed by the enemy while engaged in action at Uniontown, Virginia, 1 October 1862."

According to his military record, Henry was married 29 November 1860 to Barbara Frank by John Taff, justice of peace, and died 13 March 1913, with burial in River View Cemetery near Aurora. He was survived by his widow, who died 8 October 1922. The date of Henry's birth was 14 October 1836, though census and military records indicated 1839 or 1840. His wife Barbara was born 10 July 1843. They had seven children, three of whom died young. The four children who survived are:

1. John (Banty) Willman, born 1864 and died 1939, who was married twice. Marriage records show a John Willman married Emma Skinner 3 October 1889. By the first marriage he had a son, Elza Willman. John Willman was married second to Elizabeth Maines, born 1870. Their daughter, Lottie Willman, born 28 February 1899, was married 30 March 1913 to John Holt, son of Lewis and Anna Huffman Holt. Another daughter, Ethel Willman, born 21 September 1897 in Aurora, was married 7 May 1916 to Frank Snow, born 30 April 1896 in Boone Co. Kentucky, the son of Isaac and Mollie Holt Snow. According to a local newspaper story, Ethel Willman Snow was fatally burned 23 December 1930 in Millville, Ohio, while starting a fire with kerosene in a kitchen stove. She was survived by her husband, Frank Snow, former Aurora trucker, and six children, Anna Louise, Edna, Gladys, Edward, Doris and Cora Louise Snow. She was only 36.

John (Banty) Willman died of a stroke 17 October 1939 at the age of 74. He was survived by the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Willman; five daughters, Mrs. Lottie Holt, Petersburg, Kentucky; Mrs. Irene Peaslee, Aurora; Mrs. Sadie Younger, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Cora Peaslee, Aurora; Mrs. Ida Hubble of Michigan; five sons, Elza Willman (son by first marriage), Cincinnati, Ohio; James, Dorsey and Raymond Willman, all of Aurora, and Willis Willman; a brother, James Willman, and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Baker and Mrs. Rose Gresham. Buried beside him in River View Cemetery are two sons, Louis and Elza Willman. His daughter, Rosetta, died 6 March 1930. His widow died 16 May 1857 in nearby Bright, Indiana at age 87.

2. James (Red) Willman married Elizabeth Schwab. They had three children: (1) Mrs. Annetta Willman Hansen, wife of William Hansen, Washington, D.C.; (2) William J. Willman, b 1897 at Aurora; died 22 March 1937 in Dayton, Ohio; married Emily Richy and had four children, Patricia Ellen, Virginia June, Webster J. and Raymond Leslie Willman; (3) Mrs. Bernice Willman Gillum, Dayton, Ohio. James R. Willman died 3 October 1954 at age 84.
3. Rose Willman, who married Alfred Gresham, had four children: (1) Barbara Gresham, Aurora, not md; (2) Margaret Gresham who was married at the age of 23 on 13 December 1917 to Henry W. Walker, 35, iron moulder, born in Georgia, son of Dan A. and Mary Kilgour Walker; (3) Rose Gresham, who married first Clayton Nocks and second, Arthur Schultz of the Chultz Clothing Store, and had seven children: two by the first marriage; and (4) Enoch Gresham, born 1906, who married Agnes Teaney, daughter of Dr. W. Boone Teaney Sr., founder of the Teaney Market in Aurora, and had a daughter, Barbara Gresham, and son, Dr. Eddie Gresham. Enoch Gresham died 5 January 1940, and his wife died in 1958.

Rose Gresham's first husband, Clayton Nocks, was a World War I veteran and two of her sons were in World War II, one a war casualty. Her husband, Clayton Nocks, born 1 August 1895 and died 28 February 1943, was a private first class in the 38th Division in World War I. A son, Jackie Gordon Nocks, born 19 August 1926 and died 16 May 1959, was in the Navy in World War II. Another son, Emery Lee Nocks, died in a submarine in World War II and a Dearborn County VFW post was named in his honor. Their other five children were Clacey Nocks (daughter), Helen Nocks, Harry Nocks, Robert Nocks and Ronnie Nocks. Clayton Nocks, a machinist, was the son of Emery and Lora Seymour Nocks. He was married 3 April 1916 to Rose Gresham, who was born in 1897.

4. Minnie Willman, second daughter of Henry Willman, was married 26 April 1903 to Jesse Baker and had three children, Calvin, Carl and Ray Baker. Jesse Baker was born 25 April 1873, and died 14 January 1941.

Of the three sons of Rosetta and Christian Willman, even less information is available on the youngest, Davis Willman, although he apparently remained in the area until at least 1870. His name appears in the complicated probate case in 1867 involving heirs of Nancy Flemming, deceased. George Buffington also has found land records showing that Davis Willman sold his interest in Lot 197 to his uncle, F. C. Buffington, on 26 September 1870. This is the last record available on Davis Willman. Whether he married or had children also is not known.

A William Willman in 1872 was among the founders of the old Aurora Valley Furniture and Upholstering Company on Decatur Street, according to the History of Dearborn and Ohio Counties, but his parentage is not known. He could have been a son of Davis Willman, or could have been a son of the later marriages of Rosetta's widower, Christian Willman.

V. JOHN BUFFINGTON

John Buffington Jr., who was born 20 December 1813, has been the hardest to trace of the five sons of 1784 John Buffington. Although some of his descendants are known to the present generation, it has been difficult to find written records on this family. This is unfortunate, because he had the largest family of the Dearborn County Buffingtons, at least 12 children. Some confusion concerns two sons with similar names. One son was named Josephus and another was Joseph C. or Josiah C. It has even been said that he had a daughter, Josephine, but no record has been found of her. Fortunately, Josephus was usually called Seph or Seif, but it still is not proved whether "Joe" Buffington was originally Joseph or Josiah because his name is spelled both ways on records.

There has even been confusion about John's wife, since some descendants had believed that he married a Nancy Henningan (also spelled Hennegan, Hannegan, Hennigar, etc.), daughter of a Peter Hennegan and his wife, believed to be a Huffman. However, marriage records show that a Nancy "Hennington" married Thomas Phillips 25 May 1826, and that a Nancy Huffman married a John Buffington 5 August 1836. The most definite proof thus far is that the death certificates for their son Josephus (Seph or Seif) Buffington, who died 21 April 1921, states that his mother was Nancy Huffman. It is believed she was the daughter of Conrad or Isaac Huffman.

Mrs. Verlie Kimpton, Glendale, California, recalls many family stories about 1813 John and his wife Nancy that she heard from her grandmother, Mary Ann Buffington Dennerline. "John Buffington was a very handsome man, and very much a lady's man," she was told. John owned and operated a horse and buggy and livery stable in Aurora, but his wife and her sons did all the work on the farm. Nancy made all the clothes by hand for her 11 children (one other child died in infancy); she made her own soap, candles and bread, and raised a garden, then canning the fruit and vegetables. She even tilled the soil. In later years she became so crippled by arthritis that she couldn't move her hands, and her daughter, Ida Dowden (or Downton) took her to live with her in Indianapolis. John Buffington refused to go to Indianapolis, so spent his last years alone in the old family home. His daughter, Mary Ann Buffington Dennerline, would walk four or five miles every day to take him food and to see how he was.

A brief newspaper notice was found by George Buffington telling of the death of "John Buffington on Monday, 19 June 1893, at his home near Wilmington." It stated that he was the brother of William, Jehiel (b. 1822) and Francis C. Buffington, but unfortunately does not mention the widow and children.

Mrs. Kimpton has a number of old newspaper clippings and papers saved by her mother and grandmother, but they are in such fragile condition that they fall apart at the slightest touch. She was able to piece together part of an obituary on 1813 John as follows: "An aged citizen, John Buffington, who lived a short distance from the city of Wilmington, died last Sunday evening in his 80th year. His funeral took place from the residence on Tuesday and burial was in the Buffington graveyard. He was born in Aurora in 1813 and united in marriage to Nancy Huffman 4 August 1836. To this union 12 children were born, 11 of whom survive him, eight daughters and three sons. He also leaves 35 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren." Since many newspapers for the 1890's and early 1900's are missing in the local libraries because of past Ohio River flood damage, it has been impossible thus far to find a more complete obituary on him. The newspaper files at the Indiana State Library also are lacking the same dates.

An interesting news item was found by George Buffington, Aurora, relating that Mrs. Nancy Buffington "lives on North Hogan Creek, celebrated her 57th birthday 26 August 1877. A storm came up and several of the guests could not find the place to cross the creek." Since John's wife Nancy was 60 in the 1880 census, it is probable that this clipping referred to her. No obituary has been found for Nancy, but it is known that she was still living when her husband died. She sold land inherited from old 1784 John to her daughter, Ida Dowden (or Downton) on 14 November 1896. A small church was built on this land by Josiah C. Wright, son of Caroline Buffington Wright, and now is owned by Kenneth Stonebraker.

The Bible of 1784 John Buffington was passed down through 1813 John and his daughter Emma Buffington James to a present-day descendant, Mrs. Melba Block _____ of Aurora.

Following is a list, possibly incomplete or in error, and possibly in the wrong order, of the children of 1813-1893 John Buffington and his wife. It is based partly on Dearborn County census, partly on family recollections, and partly on George Buffington's exhaustive research of local newspapers, court records, cemetery records, and other records. The order of the children's birth given by the census differs from the order recalled by Mrs. Kimpton. The census lists them as Nelson, Angeline (Anzie), Nancy, Elizabeth, Josiah or Joseph C. (Joe), Josephus (Seph), Mary Ann, Anna, Emmaline (Emma), Flora and Ida. Mrs. Kimpton felt sure that the order should be Nelson, Angeline, Nancy, Elizabeth, Josephus, Anna, Mary, Joseph C. (Joe), Emma, Flora, and Ida. However, she has an old sheet of paper on which her grandmother had listed them in this order: Angelina, Nelson, Elizabeth, Nancy, Josephus, a deceased infant, Anna, Mary, Flora, and Ida. This list is incomplete. The 1860 census shows Mary Ann two years older than Anna, but the 1870 census has Anna two years older than Mary. For many of them the date of death is unknown also.

The name of the infant child who died is not known. Twins Jane and Armanda Buffington, probably born in 1849, who both died 5 June 1850, are buried in the old Buffington Cemetery near Wilmington, but it is not known who were the parents.

The children of 1813 John and his wife Nancy are listed, as accurately as possible at this time, as follows:

1. Nelson Buffington, who was 12 in the 1850 census, apparently was born around 1838 and probably was the oldest child of 1813 John Buffington. He was married 5 March 1861 to Margaret Bruce. The 1870 census lists him with a wife, "Mary," 30, and two children, Hattie, 3, and Harry, 1. Nelson was 36 then. The 1880 census shows Margaret Buffington, still "30," with her brother, James Bruce, and her two children, Harry, 11, and Grace, 4, while Nelson, 48, is listed in his parent's household. Not much is known about this family except the son, Harry Buffington.

Harry Buffington, who never married, became well-known in Cincinnati as a veteran cab driver. Articles calling him the "dean of taxi men" and "the city's oldest cab driver" appeared in the Cincinnati Post 24 April 1930 and in the Cincinnati Enquirer 11 April 1938. In the 1938 interview he said that he went to work as a boy of 14 at a nail factory in Aurora, his birthplace, and then learned the foundry trade. He went to Cincinnati 50 years earlier to drive horsedrawn carriages and ambulances and was operating his own cab when "horseless carriages" came in. He began his driving career in the driver's seat of a hearse pulled by a team of horses and also was a private chauffeur. In 1930 he bragged that he had worked 14 hours a day for 16 years and had done well enough in his trade to buy his own home at 2450 West McMicken Avenue in Cincinnati. He died 4 April 1939 in Cincinnati and was buried in Aurora. He was born 24 October 1868.

The daughter, Grace Buffington, married _____ Jennings. She was born 3 July 1875 and died 21 August 1933 with burial in Riverview Cemetery. Their mother, Margaret Bruce Buffington, was born 25 March 1841 and died 10 June 1913. At present, it is not known when Nelson Buffington died or where he is buried.

2. Angeline (Anzie) Buffington, was born around 1840 or 1841, according to the census, and was married 14 October 1862 to James M. Baker. They had at least three children:

- a. Jeanette (Nettie) Baker, born 20 March 1866 in Wilmington, married 10 December 1888 to William Clark, who died 29 July 1942 at age 75. Jeanette and William Clark had two children: (1) Louis E. Clark, Lawrenceburg, and Ada Clark, who married George Owens, a woodworker, son of William and Lena Ballweaver Owens.

Jeannette Baker Clark married second Thomas Owens (no relation to George Owens above) on 4 February 1905, and had a daughter Anzie Owens, who married Willard Meyers, and had two sons, Thomas Meyers and Joseph (Danny) Meyers. Thomas Owens died 22 July 1950 at age 71.

Ada Mae Clark and George Owens had seven children: (1) Clara Mae Owens who married Henry Armbuster, Lawrenceburg; (2) Etta Marie Owens who married Harold Witte; (3) Margaret Owens who married _____ Waltz; (4) Evelyn Owens Lester who married _____ Ehlers; (5) Ruth Owens; (6) Thomas Owens, and (7) George Owens who married _____ James, daughter of Eddie and Nola Satchwell James.

Mrs. Etta Owens Witte, 29, Lawrenceburg, was killed in an auto accident 12 August 1942. Her sister, Mrs. Evelyn Lester Ehlers, was injured. Mrs. Witte was survived by her husband Harold Witte; a daughter, Betty Witte, and two sons, Carl and Bobby Witte.

Louis E. Clark, born in 1893, a tinner, was married 25 December 1914 to Clara B. Messang, born 1894, daughter of John and Minnie Long Messang.

- b. Louis C. Baker was born 1 March 1871; was married 22 August 1894 to Lizzie A. Hahn, and died 4 October 1933 at the age of 62. His wife, Lizzie, was born 31 August 1872 and died in January, 1957. They had eight children: (1) James Raymond Baker; (2) Lucille Marie Baker; (3) Louis W. Baker; (4) Henry R. Baker; (5) the late Inez Baker (Mrs. Edward Kaffenberger); (6) Irene Baker; (7) Morton H. Baker, and (8) Alma Baker (Mrs. V. E. Burk of Vevay), twin of Morton. Raymond, Louis and Henry all live in Aurora; the others are deceased.

- c. Eva Mae Baker, born 23 July 1873 in Wilmington, was married 24 March 1896 to Morton C. Black, and died 10 October 1924. They had a son, Joseph Black, and daughter, Miss Jeanette Black, who died in Seymour, Indiana, and was buried in Riverview Cemetery, Aurora.

- 3. Nancy (Natie) Buffington, twin of Elizabeth Buffington, was born around 1845 and was married 11 December 1867 to James Burton. Her date of death is unknown at this time. They moved to Archie, Missouri, in Cass County, and had four children: (1) James Burton; (2) Minnie Burton; (3) Rosie Burton, and (4) Lynn Burton.

Their son James Burton married Kathrina Dennerline, his first cousin, daughter of Mary Buffington Dennerline. She was born 7 June 1880 in Dearborn County, Indiana, and was married in 1898 in Nebraska. They had three children, Jessie, Otto and Eula Burton. James Burton is buried in Visalia, California. She had no children by a second marriage to Elmer Penland, probably in California. Eula Burton married Kenneth Thompson and lives in Santa Maria, California; they have two children, Ronnie Thompson and Darlene Thompson. Minnie Burton married Millard Brown and had at least one daughter, Beatrice Meyers, who lived in Montebello, California. Rosie Burton married a widower, whose name is not known.

- 4. Elizabeth Buffington, the other twin, very little known about her. An Elizabeth Buffington was married 24 December 1871 to George Lischkge. However, since the marriage application was signed by a John Bittner, it is possible that Elizabeth Buffington Lischkge was the daughter of David Buffington, who had an infant daughter Elizabeth in the 1850 census and who had a daughter Jane that married John Bittner (or Buettner) in 1865. Families named Lischkge have lived in Aurora until the present time, but exactly

how they tie in with the Buffington family is not known. Mrs. Kimpton believe that Elizabeth's name may have been Schaffer in later years because her grandmother, Mary Ann Buffington DeMerline, had a relative called "Vinnie" Schaffer.

5. "Joe" Buffington, born about 1849 or 1850, drowned 15 July 1901 in the Ohio River. Some confusion exists about whether his name was Joseph C. or Josiah C. because a news article states that Joseph C Buffington was drowned, but the death certificate states that "Josiah" was drowned. The marriage record gives "Joseph C.," but several small news items about his marital squabbles refer to him as "Joe."

George Walker recalls the drowning and remembers that "Joe," an excellent swimmer, swam often in the Ohio River but evidently remained out too long that day, swimming near a river barge. Mrs. Kimpton, who recalls hearing that he was a "champion" swimmer, recalls hearing that he suffered a heart attack or cramp. He went swimming after work and when he did not return home, searchers found his hat floating in the water and his dog sitting on the river bank waiting for him. George Buffington recalls stories that the dog remained out in the water after his master's death and also died by drowning.

Marriage records show that Joseph C. Buffington married Anna Davis 4 May 1879, but he later lived with His father and was living with his sister, Mrs. Flora Wilson, when he died. Mrs. Kimpton recalls family stories that he slept in a large piano box with a large feather bed and that there were rumors that he kept large amounts of money sewn in the ticking. George Walker says that "Joe" was well-liked by children.

The death certificate stated that his mother was Nancy Huffman.

6. Josephus Buffington, better known as "Seif" or "Seph," was born 16 June 1851 and died 21 April 1921, according to his death certificate. He was married 28 April 1874 to Molly (Mary A.) Smith, who had two children, Edward Sparks and William Sparks, by an earlier marriage. His son Frank's marriage application lists Seif's occupation as painter and Molly's birthplace as nearby Boone County, Kentucky. The 1880 census lists Josephus as "Seph" Buffington, 42, painter, and his wife as Mary, 38, with two stepchildren, Edward Sparks, 12 and William Sparks, 9, and their two small daughters, Lizzie, 2, and Delia, 3 months, born in February, 1880. The three children of Josephus Buffington and his wife Molly were:
 - a. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Buffington, who was married 11 September 1892 to Taylor Reisenback and had three daughters: (1) Mary Reisenback, born 3 September 1894 and died 18 September 1931; (2) Garnetta Emma Reisenback, born 6 January 1900 and died 5 January 1927, and (3) Marguerite Reisenback who married Edward Koeppel and moved to Batavia, Ohio. Mrs. Koeppel's daughter married Halsted Orem, Aurora, and later married _____ Plummer. Mrs. Reisenback later married _____ Wolf. She died 1 November 1954 at age 77 in the home of Mrs. Koeppel, and is buried in Riverview Cemetery by the two daughters who preceded her in death.
 - b. Delia Buffington, born 1880, was married 19 June 1900 to James Cox, a railroad brakeman, born in 1874 and died in 1963. They lived and died in Cincinnati, Ohio, and are buried in St. John's cemetery. When Delia Cox died 12 December 1929, she was survived by three sons: Floyd Cox, 21; Ray Cox, 19; and Lee Cox, 17. It also is believed that they had two daughters, Frances Cox and Glendora Cox.
 - c. Frank Buffington, born 24 July 1883, was married 25 April 1906 to Carrie Hulbert, daughter of J. Hulbert of nearby Hartford, Indiana, and sister of James (Battle) Hulbert, former Dearborn County sheriff. Carrie was born 27 September 1887. They had several children, but the names are not known. Relatives recall that Frank was a preacher in the Pilgrim Holiness Church and that at one time they lived in Cincinnati. It is believed they died in the 1960's in Plant City, Florida.
7. Anna Buffington, born around 1852, according to the 1870 census, was married 9 January 1878 to John Whipple and died 8 December 1926 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emma James, in Aurora where she had been in ill health for five years. She was buried in Linton, Indiana where she formerly had made

her home. Mrs. Edith Welch was appointed to handle her estate in Lincoln and Louis C. Baker was given permission to sell gravel from the farm. Both are descendants of her sisters. From this information, it is assumed that she left no surviving children. Mrs. Kimpton believes that they had two sons and that one son died around 1918.

8. Mary Ann Buffington was born 5 December 1853 in Aurora, Indiana; was married 2 January 1877 to John Henry Dennerline (Dennerlein), and died 3 August 1926 in Arroyo Grande, California. According to family stories, Mary Ann and her sister Ida were considered the two prettiest girls around Aurora and won beauty prizes at dances, box suppers and picnics. She was engaged to Leonard James before her sister Emma married him. She was a good housekeeper and cook, learning much from her German mother-in-law, Kathrina Gebhard Dennerline. As a young woman, she had poor health because of tuberculosis and lived near her sister, Nancy Buffington Burton, in Missouri. The family sold their farm near Mt. Sinai Church, Dearborn Co., Indiana, and moved to Archie, Cass County, Missouri, in 1893, later moved to Louis, Harmon Co., Oklahoma, in 1905, and moved to Obar, N. M., around 1908, remaining there until old age and ill health forced them to spend the last few years of their lives with their children. Mary Ann Buffington Dennerline died 3 August 1926 at the home of her daughter, Kathrina Burton Penland, and is buried in Arroyo Grande Cemetery, San Luis Obispo County, California. John Henry Dennerline died 26 October 1926 in a state hospital in Las Vegas, N. M., and is buried in Las Vegas. He was the son of Kathrina Gebhard(t) and Wolfgang Adam Dennerline (Dennerlein), of Bavaria, Germany, one of the many families who came from Germany in the 1850's to Aurora and the Cincinnati area in general. They had four children:
 - a. Lewis John Dennerline, ranch owner in Florence, Colorado, born 24 May 1878 in Aurora; married in 1900 in Archie, Missouri, to Bessie Matney, and died 6 August 1951 in Florence, Fremont Co., Colorado, with burial in Canon City Cemetery there. His wife died 12 March 1968 and also is buried in Canon City Cemetery. They had five children:
 - (1) Karl Dennerline, a hardware merchant in Florence, Colorado, born 21 June 1901 in Archie, Cass County, Missouri; married first 1927/28 to Cleo McClain, teacher who died 1930/31 and is buried in Florence, Colorado, and married second to Lola Mae Davis, born 7 November 1911, in November 1935, with no children by either marriage.
 - (2) Fay Dennerline, born about November, 1906 in Archie, Mo.; married to Vernon McDowell of Canon City, Colorado, and died around 1960 with burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Canon City, Colorado. She had six children.
 - (3) Hazel Dennerline, born 13 March 1911; married 1931/32 to Lonie Ellyas, Canon City, Colorado and lives in Pueblo, Colorado.
 - (4) Infant son deceased and buried 1917/18 at Archie, Missouri.
 - (5) Freeman Dennerline, born February 1920; married _____ Cecil; had four or five children, and lives in Salem, Oregon.
 - b. Kathrina (Katie) Dennerline, was born 7 June 1880 in Aurora, Indiana; married her first cousin James B. Burton in 1898 in Nebraska, and died 2 December 1960 in Grover City, California with burial in Arroyo Grande Cemetery, San Luis Obispo Co., California. She later married Elmer Penland in California. By her first marriage she had at least three children:
 - (1) Jesse Burton, Navy veteran of two wars, who was born 14 September 1899 in Archie, Missouri; married Hilda _____ of England after World War II, and died 18 April 1965 at Naval Veterans Hospital, San Diego, California, with burial in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego. He had no children.

- (2) Otto Burton, formerly of Grover City, California in 1960, whereabouts now unknown, born 1901 in Archie, Missouri; married Ada _____ in Visalia, California, and had at least one child, Barbara Burton, born 1924, who married Gordon Uhl of Covington, Kentucky, 1941/42, a career military man, and has six daughters.
 - (3) Eula Burton, who married Kenneth Thompson.
- c. Karl Dennerline, born 12 November 1886 in Aurora, Indiana; married in 1910 in Hollis, Harmon Co., Oklahoma, to Floy Hudspeth; buried in Washington state after his death in April 1963, in Wenatchee, Washington. His wife died there in 1966 and is buried at Wenatchee. When Karl Dennerline married, he moved to Obar, New Mexico, with his parents, moved to Combs, Ark., about 1928, and later moved to a home on the Columbia River near Wenatchee, Washington, where he owned prosperous apple and pear orchards. They had nine children, three deceased:
- (1) Mary Mattie Dennerline, school teacher, born 1913 in Obar, New Mexico, and married to _____ Simmons, who died and is buried in Wenatchee.
 - (2) Gifford Posey Dennerline, born 1919 in Obar, New Mexico; married Betty _____.
 - (3) Artis Dennerline, born about 1922 in Obar, New Mexico, and died somewhere in Alaska.
 - (4) Alice Dennerline, born about 1924 in Obar, New Mexico; now living at 1102 Chapman, Fullerton, California; employee of the Bank of America. She was married in 1941 to Oran Pharris of Combs, Arkansas, who died in April, 1965, in Anaheim, California.
 - (5) Gene Dennerline, born about 1925 in Obar, New Mexico and later a resident of Everett, Washington.
 - (6) Homer Dennerline, born about 1926 in Obar, New Mexico; married first to Judy _____ and had a daughter, Kathy Dennerline, by that marriage; later remarried. He resides in the old family home in Wenatchee.
 - (7) Ralph Dennerline, born 1927-28, was killed by a passenger train in Wenatchee, Washington, when he was about 12 years old; buried in Wenatchee by his mother.
 - (8) Norman Dennerline, born 1931 in Combs, Arkansas; married and believed living in Ogden or Salt Lake City, Utah
- d. Ida Mae Dennerline was born 27 May 1889 in Aurora, Indiana, but left in 1893, when her parents sold the family home near Mt. Sinai Church to three other Dennerlines and moved to Archie, Mo., where her father was in the cattle business. In 1905 the family moved to Oklahoma where she met Cecil Roscoe Snider, whom she married 24 November 1907 in Louis, Harmon Co., Oklahoma. He was successful in banking, ranching, real estate and the lumber business, and for eight years was county treasurer of Harmon County. In 1936 they moved to California, and Mr. Snider now resides at 1231 South Lafayette, San Gabriel, California. Ida Mae Snider died 1 May 1969 and is buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California. They had four children:
- (1) Verlie Neola Snider, born 7 November 1909 in Louis, Harmon County, Oklahoma; married 18 February 1934 in Canon City, Colorado to Paul Herman Kimpton, born 4 January 1908, the son of Irene Falconer and Herman Allan Kimpton. They live at 610 East Elk Street, Glendale, California and have one son, Cecil Allan Kimpton, graduate of Golden State University and the University of California. Cecil was born 4 June 1935 and was married 24 November 1957 to Ida Jane Hamilton (Stockstill), a nurse. They have four children, all born in Glendale, California: 1. Deborah Lynn Kimpton, born 7 August 1958; 2. Paul Allan

Kimpton, born 2 August 1959; 3. Tammy Mae Kimpton, born 16 September 1960, and 4. Michael Earnest Kimpton, born 24 September 1962. Ida Jane Kimpton was the daughter of Franklin Ernest Stockstill who later changed his name to Chester Hamilton in Houston, Texas. Verlie Kimpton provided all the information on descendants of Mary Ann Buffington Dennerline.

- (2) Loice Everett Snider, 124 Catin, Jamestown, New York, vice president of the Eastern Division of Proto Tool Company, who was born 8 December 1911 in Louis, Oklahoma, and was married 2 October 1950 to Dorothy Anderson. They have no children.
- (3) Elma Elray Snider, born 31 January 1918 in Louis, Oklahoma; married 1 October 1937 to Matthew Ray Jones, designer-engineer for Lockheed Aircraft Corp., son of Minnie Maud Mitchell and Woodene Jones, Deer Island, Maine. They have two children: 1. Robert Ray Jones, assistant fire chief of San Marino, California, born 16 November 1938; married in April, 1957, to Sandy Oliphant, and the father of five children--Robert Matt Jones, born 1957; Robert Ray Jones, born 1958; James Alexander Jones, born 1960; Julie Jones, born 1964, and Jeffery Jones, born 1965; and 2. David Ray Jones, born 28 September 1950, a college student at home.
- (4) Mary Elizabeth Snider, born 11 August 1926, in Hollis, Oklahoma; married 19 October 1944 to Roy Dillard Patterson, Pacific veteran of World War II, son of Hazel and Robert William Patterson, St. Louis, Missouri. They live on Camillo Drive, Duarte, California. Mr. Patterson is a trucker for a lumber company. They have four children: 1. Robert William Patterson, born 16 March 1949, employed by a plastic company; 2. Laura Lee Patterson, born 6 March 1950; 3. Patricia Gail Patterson, born in September, 1953; and 4. Sharon Patterson, born February, 1960.

9. Emmaline (Emma) Buffington was born 18 November 1857 near Aurora. At her death in Aurora on 19 December 1928 at age 71, she was the last of this large family to die. The old Buffington Bible of 1784 John was passed down through Emma's family to its present owner, Mrs. Melba James Block, now remarried, still living in Aurora.

Emmaline was married on 12 December 1878 to Leonard James, born 21 November 1856, the son of Edwin and Elizabeth James of nearby Covington, Kentucky. Leonard James worked for the old Royer Wheel Works of Aurora as a stationary engineer, and his sons, Charles, Eddie and John James, all learned his trade from him and worked there too. Emma and Leonard James had the following children:

- a. David Leonard James, who died young.
- b. Edith James, who married Russell Welch of Aurora, and has a son, James Welch, born 1913. James Welch was married 29 November 1934 to Caroline Flemmings.
- c. Charles B. James, born in November, 1884, died 7 September 1912. He was married at age 22 to Bessie Gridley, then 18, daughter of James and Emma Warner Gridley, on 27 December 1905. They had three children:
 - (1) Leonard Oliver James, born 8 November 1906 and died 8 October 1907.
 - (2) Charles James of Dillsboro, Indiana, and
 - (3) Mrs. James Casson.
- d. Louis James, who lived in Aurora, died 4 May 1970 at the home of his late wife's nephew, Carl Swango, near Lawrenceburg. He was buried in Greendale Cemetery, Lawrenceburg. He married a Miss _____ Swango, but was a widower in his later years. They had no children. A

World War I veteran, he was an engineer for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

- e. John James, twin of Edwin, born 16 February 1893; married 4 April 1923 to Elsie E. Dorrell, and died 6 June 1949. They had three children:

(1) Mary Alice James

(2) Melba James Block _____, widow of Richard Block, but now remarried.

(3) Leonard James, who married a Miss _____ Neal and lives on North Hogan Creek in the house where George Buffington, Aurora, was born.

- f. Edwin James, twin, also born 16 February 1893; died 13 July 1950. His wife, Nola Satchwell, was born 20 July 1897, the daughter of John and Missouri Sexton Satchwell, and died in August 1969. They had two children, Edwin James, who was married 26 July 1949 to Gloria Brown, and a daughter, Mrs. George Owens, whose husband is the son of Ada Owens and George Owens and the great grandson of Angeline Buffington Baker.

10. Flora Buffington, born around 1859, according to the 1860 census, and later married _____ Wilson. It is known that she was living in Aurora at the time "Joe" Buffington drowned in 1901, but nothing more is known of her.

11. Ida Buffington, born around 1863, was married 16 September 1880 to John W. Dowden or Downton, and died in 1824. They had at least two sons, Jessie and Thomas Dowden or Downton. An obituary was found for a Joseph Downton, son of Charles Downton and grandson of Ida and John Downton, who died in April, 1930. Ida's husband, John Dowden or Downton, was buried 25 December 1932 in River View Cemetery. The name appears on many records as Dowden, but is spelled Downton on the marriage record, on the tombstone of John Downton, and in a land transaction in which the tombstone of John Downton, and in a land transaction in which Nancy Buffington, widow of 1813 John, sold land to Ida in 1896.

An earlier John Dowden, 73, Lawrenceburg blacksmith, died 11 June 1885; since this is not a very common name, he probably was related to Ida's husband. A Samuel Dowden, an early settler in the county, bought land on 19 February 1813. Mrs. Kimpton recalls that her grandmother, Mary Ann Buffington Dennerline, always spelled it Dowden.

Following are the census records, often conflicting and inaccurate, on John Buffington, 1813-1893, and his family:

The 1850 census lists John Buffington, 32, teamster; wife, Nancy, 30; Nelson, 12, Anzy, 9; Elizabeth and Nancy, twins, both 5; Josiah C., 3, and Joseph C. Buffington 8 months old.

In 1860 the census listed John Buffington, 46, laborer, with wife, Nancy, 40, and the following children: Nelson, 23; Angeline, 20; Elizabeth and Nancy, both 16; Jesse, writing unclear, possibly Joseph, 12; Josephus, 9; Josiah, 8; Mary A., 6; Anna, 4, and Flora, 1.

In the 1870 census, John, 59, and Nancy, 49, were listed with the following children: Josephus, 20; Josiah, 23; Anna, 18; Mary, 16; Emma, 12; Flora, 10, and Ida, 8. Nelson, 36, was listed with his own household with wife, Mary, 30, and children, Hattie, 3, and Harry, 1.

The 1880 listing includes John Buffington, 66; wife, Nancy, 60; Nelson, 48, teamster; Anzy, 39; Elizabeth, 36; Josiah, 33, laborer; Flora, 20, and Ida, 17, all children born in Indiana. Nelson's wife Margaret and two children, Harry and Grace, were in the household of her brother, James Bruce.

VI. WILLIAM CHEEK BUFFINGTON

Many Buffington descendants now living in Aurora are descended from William Cheek Buffington, who was born 18 January 1816, at the old homestead on Hogan Creek a mile from Aurora. He purchased land from his father and established a home on the hill on the north side of Hogan Creek. Later he inherited bottom land which now belongs to the Witte family. He raised a family on the bottom land farm, and died and was buried on that farm.

The County Commissioners records show that several Buffingtons borrowed in 1847 and 1848 from a U. S. Surplus Reserve Fund that belonged to the county. In one record this is referred to as the U. S. Surplus Revenue Fund bank, tax and saline funds. William C. Buffington seems to have been one of the heaviest borrowers as he borrowed \$300 before March, 1848. His brother, Stephen Buffington, borrowed \$66 in 1847 but paid it back before March, 1848, and his brother-in-law Elijah Huffman borrowed \$50.

William C. Buffington was married three times and is known to have had at least six children by his first two marriages. He was married first to Permelia Cheek 16 April 1835, undoubtedly a cousin, though the name of her parents is not known at present. This marriage is verified by the county marriage book and by a deed of land to William Williams. By the first marriage, judging from dates of birth, he had at least two children, Martha and Blythe Buffington.

His second marriage was to Elizabeth Byram, whom he married 7 May 1844, confirmed by the marriage book records. By this marriage, he had at least four children, Enos, Lewis, Nancy (Nannie), and Mary Helen, again judging from their ages. It is not believed he had children by his third wife.

The third marriage to Martha Higbee of Rising Sun, near Aurora, on 9 November 1878 is confirmed by the marriage book and by her court action to break William's will. She sued his son, Lewis G. Buffington, the administrator, but the court ruled she had signed an agreement with William that each would retain original property, and the court allowed her merely what she was given in the will. William's heirs at the time the will was probated 16 October 1897 included Charles F. Hayes Sr., Charles F. Hayes Jr., Helen and Dorothy Hayes, all heirs of Nancy Buffington Hayes, deceased; Mary Helen Buffington, unmarried; Martha and Ephraim Ricketts; Enos M. and Alta (Hill) Buffington; Lewis G. and Fannie Buffington; Martha Buffington, the widow, and Blythe and Mary Buffington. The exact date of William's death is not known, but is believed to be around 1895.

William's children are as follows:

1. Martha Buffington, born 28 July 1836, and died 29 December 1913. She was married to Ephraim Ricketts, who was born 16 July 1836 and died 19 November 1901. They are buried in Wilmington. It is believed they had twin children. Buried on the same plot are Ivy Ricketts, 1891-1927; Mary M. Ricketts, 1858-1933, and Omer P. Ricketts, 1858-1932; and Elmer Ricketts, 26 December 1886--6 March 1888. Omer Ricketts was married 4 June 1880 to Mary M. Walser, so no doubt Ivy and Elmer were children of this marriage and were grandchildren of Martha and Ephraim Ricketts. It is possible that Ephraim Ricketts was the brother of Cynthia Ricketts, second wife of 1822 Jehiel Buffington since his death certificate states he was the son of William Ricketts and _____ Long and Cynthia's certificate states she was the daughter of a William Ricketts. Ephraim was born in 1836 and Cynthia in 1837. Cynthia is known to have had at least two brothers, William and Brauer Ricketts, and three sisters, Susan who married David White, Nancy who married Sam Pink, and Effie who married William Peters. Her brother William was the father of the Fannie Ricketts that married Charles Buffington, son of Blythe.
2. Blythe Buffington, a Civil War veteran, was born in 1842 and died 7 July 1899. He was married 9 October 1864 in nearby Covington, Kentucky, to Mary Dews, a native of England, born in 1841 who died 1 December 1914. The wedding was witnessed by Thomas Dews, possibly a brother. Mary was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Dews, both of England; her mother died in Mary's home on 8 May 1890 at the age of 76. Mary's sister, Anna Dews, married Blythe's cousin, Francis M. Buffington, son of Francis C. Buffington, in 1863.

Blythe Buffington served in Co. I, 16th Indiana Infantry Regiment in the Civil War, enlisting at 19. His Civil War record describes him as being 5 feet 10 inches tall with light hair and complexion and gray eyes. During the war he contracted typhoid fever and pneumonia and later testified in his pension application that he had been lamed while in service. After the war he resided in nearby Boone Co., Kentucky, and Aurora, farming most of the time. Around 1890 he had a grocery store in Aurora and lived on Broadway Street. At one time he owned an older home on the lot where George Buffington now lives at 205 Johnson Street. His wife died 1 December 1914.

Blythe and Mary Buffington had five children:

- a. John Francis (Frank) Buffington, born 9 August 1867 and died 15 January 1940. He was married to Caroline Seidler, who was born in 1866 and died 1958. They are buried in Riverview Cemetery. John Francis Buffington and Caroline had three children: 1. Alvin Buffington; 2. Mrs. Marie Kennedy, and 3. Mrs. Eva Rogers, who lives in Petersburg, Kentucky, just across the Ohio River from Aurora. Frank spent most of his life in nearby Boone County, Kentucky, where he owned a farm, but he also ran a fishery in Aurora and nearby Cincinnati, Ohio, at one time. A newspaper item reports that in 1889 he moved his fish market next to his father's (Blythe's) grocery store on Third Street in Aurora.
- b. Enola Buffington, born 14 December 1872, was married 20 January 1895 to Lewis H. Mattox, born 27 September 1866 and died 16 December 1929. Enola died in 1909. Lewis Mattox was the son of Robert and Ruth Mattox. Enola and Lewis Mattox had one son, Marcus Mattox, who married first, Helen Schipper, daughter of August Schipper, on 17 June 1918, and had one daughter, Maxine Mattox. Maxine's first husband, Capt. James Sedler, died in World War II on 6 February 1944, leaving the widow and an infant son. Now Mrs. Arthur Brunner, Maxine lives in Aurora and has eight children.

After the death of his first wife, Helen Schipper, Marcus Mattox later married Dorothy Walker, daughter of Eldo and Elizabeth Walker. By this marriage he had a son, Marcus Mattox Jr., and four daughters, Elizabeth Ann Mattox, Enola Sue Mattox, Mary Martha Mattox, and Janet Lee Mattox.

Marcus Mattox was born 30 September 1898 in Boone County, Kentucky, and died 8 March 1954 at the age of 55. A cabinet maker, he later was a sign painter for the Indiana State Highway and operated a tavern and a restaurant in Aurora before his death. His daughter, Maxine, also has operated a restaurant in Aurora.

- c. Permelia Buffington, born 30 December 1874, was married to Frank Platt, born 16 October 1874, a well-known local brick contractor. He constructed many homes and large buildings, including large warehouses for distilleries in the county. Mrs. Platt died 4 February 1961 in her home, 423 Manchester Street. Her husband died 5 May 1945. They had two daughters and an adopted son: Marie Platt, now Mrs. Earl Damon, Aurora; Lela Platt, unmarried, and William Platt, Indiana University graduate who has taught music in the Aurora schools many years.
- d. Anna Buffington, born 13 October 1880 in Boone County, Kentucky, was married 1 September 1900 to Fred William Witte, son of Gerhard Witte of Germany. William and his father both were wood workers at the old "Wooden Shoe" furniture company, which derived its name from the fact that so many German immigrants worked there. He was superintendent when he retired. Anna Witte died 22 March 1956 at age 75.

They had four children: 1. Irene, who was married in 1921 to Earl Stierman and had two daughters, Jean Stierman, now deceased, who married Melvin Kremer, and Lucille Stierman, who married Harry McKain, also deceased; 2. Katherine Witte; 3. Frederick Witte, unmarried, living in the old Witte home place in Aurora; and 4. Permelia Witte, who married Henry Hodapp and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jeanne Stierman Kremer died 11 October 1963 at age 40.

leaving two daughters, Carolyn Kremer and Patricia Jean Kremer. Dr. Harry McKain died in World War II 7 October 1943; he and his wife, Lucille Stierman McKain, had a daughter, Peggy McKain, Mrs. Charles Lockwood, Aurora.

e. Charles N. Buffington, born 19 July 1883 in Boone County, Kentucky, died 3 February 1960. He was married three times, but had only two wives. He was married first to Irene C. Thompson on 12 December 1905. Irene was born 19 February 1879 and died 17 November 1960. Charles was married second on 11 June 1910 to Fannie Ricketts, daughter of William and Clara Ricketts of Lawrenceburg. Her father was the brother of the Cynthia Ricketts who married Jehiel Christian Willman and 1822 Jehiel Buffington. Fannie was born 11 January 1884 and died 20 June 1953. On 29 July 1954 Charles Buffington remarried his first wife, then Irene Thompson Carter. He had no children by either marriage but had two stepdaughters, both daughters of Irene Thompson Carter: Mrs. Dan Swanson, Aurora, and Mrs. Robert Moore, Hampton, Va.

3. Enos Buffington was married 17 May 1886 to Alta Hill, daughter of Abram and Minerva Kerr Hill, also from a pioneer Dearborn County family. Alta was born in 1857 and died in 1935. Enos died 16 January 1900, but it has been impossible to find an obituary or local newspaper for that date. They are buried in Riverview Cemetery near Aurora. Enos was listed as a child of 3 in the 1850 census and must have been born around 1847 or 1848, after William's marriage to Elizabeth Byram in 1844.

Enos and Alta (also spelled Altha) had three children: (1) Emil Buffington, unmarried, last known in Florida; (2) Minerva or Mina Buffington, and (3) Elizabeth Buffington, who was married and had at least one child, but her husband's name is not known. Alta was appointed guardian of two children named Mina and Emil in 1903, but Elizabeth was not mentioned. She also had a grandson, Emil, mentioned in a brief news item when Alta visited in Aurora. Mina Hill Buffington, a stenographer in the office of Roller Mills Co., Lawrenceburg, died 4 April 1914 after several months' illness and was buried 6 April 1944. She was born 30 July 1888.

4. Lewis G. Buffington was born in 1852 and was married 1 February 1877 to Frances Margaret Curtis, who was born 22 November 1849 and died 7 September 1909. They were buried on the Curtis property on Ebenezer Ridge. They had one daughter, Ida Buffington, who was married at age 22 on 24 February 1909 to Joseph Clements, 27, son of Walter and Sarah Crail Clements. They had at least six children: Mrs. Frances Kent, Mrs. Helen Connelton, the late Mrs. Mary K. Watts, Leon Clements, who made a career of the Army; Walter Clements, married, living in Vevay, Ind., and Curtis Clements, unmarried, living in Wilmington with nephew, William McGraw Jr.

Mrs. Kent, who died in recent years, was married 9 September 1933 to Richard Kent, son of O. J. Kent, owner of the Kent Trucking Company, the first such company in Aurora, and a teamster before trucks were used. O. J. Kent owned the farm where 1784 John Buffington was buried. Helen Clements was married to Francis Connelton, employee of the Aurora Coffin Co., and lives in Aurora. Mary K. Clements was born 13 January 1914 in Wilmington and died 16 December 1968 in Dearborn County Hospital in Lawrenceburg at the age of 54. She was married first to William McGraw Sr., who was born 2 May 1912. Later she married Thomas Watts, who died 6 June 1958. Mrs. Watts is buried in Riverview Cemetery. At her death she was survived by three sons, William McGraw Jr., Terry McGraw, Gary Watts, an Aurora policeman, and a daughter, Sandra Watts, Aurora.

5. Nancy (Nannie) Buffington was born 15 January 1854 and was married 11 February 1880 to Charles F. Hayes, a Lawrenceburg attorney. An interesting account of their wedding appeared in the 19 February 1880 edition of the local newspaper. "The bride was attired in a beautiful wine-colored cashmere and brocaded satin, trimmed in fringe; her ornaments were natural flowers. The groom wore a full dress suit." A long list of wedding gifts was given, including a sewing machine, set of furniture from the bride's father, large oil painting, cut glass sugar bowl, silver sugar spoon lined gold, pin cushion, mantel ornaments, and many pieces of silver ware. The couple had a home in Lawrenceburg.

Evidently the wedding guests were snowed in as "owing to the weather, the guests had to stay all night." A daughter was born to Nancy and Charles 4 March 1886, according to local birth records. At least three children--Charles F. Hayes Jr., Helen Hayes and Dorothy Hayes--were living in 1897 when they were mentioned in the probate record of William C. Buffington's will in 1897. Four children who died young are buried in Greendale Cemetery, Lawrenceburg, by Nancy Hayes: two unnamed infants and Everett N. Hayes, born in December 1880 and died 27 November 1882, and Harriett Hayes, born 25 January 1886 and died 25 June 1886 (probably the child above whose birth was not recorded until March, 1886). Nancy Hayes died 20 September 1897.

6. Mary Helen Buffington, born 1856, remained a spinster. She later lived with "Alice" Fowler, believed to be her cousin, Alice Buffington Fowler.

Because of the census, there has been some confusion about whether William C. Buffington had more than the above six children.

In the 1850 census William Buffington, 35, and Elizabeth, 36, had Martha, 14; Cynthia A., 12; "Blithe" W., 7, and Enos, 3.

In the 1860 census William and Elizabeth appeared with six children: Blythe, 18; Enos, 12; Lewis, 8; Nancy, age not clear; William Peter, a male, 12, and Helen, 4. It is not known if this young William was a stepchild, foster child, friend, or what. Present-day Buffington descendants recall a William Peek or Peck.

The 1870 census listed William Buffington, 54, and wife, Elizabeth, 47, with Enos, age unclear, Lewis, 17; Nancy, 15, and Helen, 14.

By 1880 William C., a farmer of 64, appeared with a wife listed as Mae Margaret (probably Martha Higbee), and three grown children: Enos M., 32; Helen W., 28, and Amos P., 22, railroader. Since Amos does not appear in earlier censuses with this family, it is doubtful that he was a son of William. Descendants do not recall a son named Amos. Possibly he was a cousin or nephew.

VII. RACHEL BUFFINGTON

Rachel Buffington, youngest daughter of 1784 John, was born 29 January 1818 and was married to Elijah Huffman, prominent Dearborn County man who served as a congressional township trustee, justice of the peace, state senator and county assessor. His father was a veteran of the War of 1812 and three of his sons served in the Civil War, two in gunboat service. Elijah was the son of a Virginia native, Conrad Huffman, who came to Indiana in 1803, and Elizabeth Carbaugh (or Carabaugh), a native of Kentucky. Several early Buffingtons married members of the pioneer Carbaugh and Huffman families. Rachel died 24 December 1908, and her husband, born 26 July 1818, died 3 December 1899. Elijah and Rachel had six children:

1. Andrew J. Huffman was born 30 April 1837 and died 17 April 1918 at the age of 80. He married first Mary J. Kelly on 17 June 1860 and had one son and one daughter, both deceased. His first wife, Mary, died in 1890. He then married Rella Cain 29 December 1894. His son, Richard, died 6 February 1944 at age 55 in Batesville Hospital. His daughter, Susan H. Huffman, was married 9 July 1892 at the age of 19 to George Krite, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krite. Elmer Huffman, a son by the first marriage, died in 1896 at age 35.
2. William B. Huffman enlisted in the 16th Indiana Volunteers in the Civil War but after six weeks entered gunboat service and continued that for two years. He and his wife, Hannah C. Lake, had six children: (1) Dan; (2) Linn; (3) Lottie Huffman; (4) Hattie Huffman; (5) Ross Huffman, who lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, and (6) Frank Marion Huffman, well-known Aurora fireman.

- a. Frank Huffman was a member of the Aurora Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 for 46 years until his retirement in 1940. He drove the fire horses with the steam fire engine for many years and trained horses, later serving as lieutenant and plug man after the department was motorized. He was an employee of the Indianapolis Chair Company in Aurora. Frank Huffman was married 12 May 1889 to Carrie Baker, daughter of Henry B. F. and Angeline Heath Baker. Frank died 31 July 1955 at age 85. His wife was born 3 September 1869 and died 6 December 1957. Their only son, Earl Huffman, is well-known in Southeastern Indiana, both for the newspaper columns on local history that he has written for many years and for his appearances as master of ceremonies and announcer at local fairs and other public events many years. He has never married.
 - b. Linn (of Lynn) Huffman had at least two sons: (1) Frank H. Huffman, born 1902 in nearby Cleves, Ohio, an electrician, who was married 3 October 1925 to Freda Pavy, daughter of George and Arda Humphrey Pavey, and (2) Charles H. Huffman, born in 1903 in Cleves, Ohio, mate on a boat, married on the same date, 3 October 1925, to Frances Pavy, daughter of Charles and Minnie Higbee Pavey. Linn (Lynn) Huffman was married to Ann Rudisell.
3. Daniel Huffman, the third son, married Elizabeth Davis on 5 October 1861. Their son, Emmett H. Huffman, a carpenter in Lawrenceburg, was married at 24 on 11 December 1893 to Maggie Phipps, 19, daughter of Norman and Susan Davis Phipps. Dan Huffman was married second to Matilda Grossow of Harrison, Ohio, daughter of the Rev. J. F. Grossow and Caroline Erdman Grossow, on 20 November 1902.
 4. Mary A. Huffman was born 28 September 1843 in nearby Mt. Sinai and was married in 1862 to James House, who died in 1901. At the age of 61 Mary was married on 21 February 1907 to George W. Johnson, 64, Wilmington, a native of Arizona, the son of William and Elizabeth Watts Johnson. Mary Huffman House Johnson died 19 July 1929. By her first husband she had four children: (1) Ludon or Ludlow House; (2) John Eugene House; (3) Robert House, and (4) Bessie House, who was married first to Thomas Reid and later to Charles Ochs.

John Eugene House was born 9 October 1876; married Anna Maria Dittmer 18 April 1900, and died 27 February 1955. They had eight children: Charles Henry House and Louella Mae House, deceased at an early age; George House, Frank House, Elmer House, Mrs. Alma Barker, Mrs. Dorothy Brady and Mrs. Norma Melson. When John Eugene House died in 1955, his brother and sister, Mrs. Bessie Ochs, were among his survivors. Mary House, wife of Robert L. House, was born 27 January 1880 and died 4 September 1916.
 5. Nancy J. Huffman, born 1849, married Ross Chisman, who died in November 1927 at age 77. They had a daughter, Bertha Chisman, who married Everett Zeh and had Harriett Zeh, who married Frank Lews; Manetta Zeh, who married Lester Ampt; and several other children. Their adopted son, Harley Chisman, married and lived in Lima, Ohio. Nancy and Ross Chisman and Bertha and Everett Zeh all spent their lives in or near Wilmington and died there. A James Ross Chisman is named as the son of Elias Chisman of Wilmington, husband of Kate Chisman, in Elias' will made in 1877 and proved in 1883. In turn, this Elias Chisman was named as one of the six sons of John B. Chisman whose will was made 2 December 1834 and proved 14 October 1836. The other children of John B. Chisman were Edmond, John, George, William, James, Elizabeth, Mary Ann and Charlotte Chisman. Elias Chisman's will also named two other sons, Homer and Palmer Chisman, and a grandson, Frank Givan.
 6. Homer Edward Huffman (also spelled Omer and Omar), a landscape painter, was born in 1845 and died at age 75 on 27 July 1921 after a long illness. He also was in the Civil War, serving three months in the 91st Regiment, then entering gunboat service. According to an early newspaper account, a Lt. Homer Huffman of the 7th Indiana, was in a Confederate prison a long time, escaped in November, 1864, with four other officers, and got transportation home 2 January 1865. George Buffington recalls hearing that Homer was a war prisoner, but this is not mentioned in the Huffman biography in the History of Dearborn and Ohio Counties, Indiana.

Homer Huffman married late in life, as he applied for a marriage license at age 51 to marry Cordelia C. Hollowell, 21, daughter of G. W. and Indiana Frazier Hollowell, on 27 November 1895. The application stated that it was his first marriage. They had two children, Rachel Huffman Acker and Charles Huffman.

He was married 4 July 1902 to Ora D. Flinn, who was born in 1869 and died 17 December 1932. Ora D. Flinn was the daughter of Almira Dressen Flinn, 1841-1927, and James B. Flinn, who served in Co. I, 83rd Indiana Infantry, and sister of Edward Flinn, 1862-1927. They had two children, Edward, who died in 1924, and Geneva Huffman Burris, born 21 October 1906 and died 7 July 1929. Edward was born 27 August 1904.

When Edward H. Huffman was only 19, he was injured fatally in an explosion on the USS Mississippi at San Pedro, California, 12 June 1924. His body was brought back to Aurora by military escort, and he was buried in an impressive military service with the traditional caisson drawn by triple teams of horses, escorted by three color guards, a firing squad and an honor escort. The women of the American Legion auxiliary labored two days fashioning a massive ship floral piece of red and white roses which they carried in the procession, following the G.A.R. veterans.

VIII. FRANCIS C. BUFFINGTON

Francis C. Buffington, the next to youngest son of 1784 John Buffington, was born 17 December 1819 in a log cabin on North Hogan Creek in Center Township, a mile from Aurora, where his parents lived and died after raising a family of nine children. Francis bought part of this original old Buffington home place from his father and sold part of it later to Thomas Squibb. Francis died 1 January 1899.

Francis established his residence on this land when he was married to his first wife, Charlotte Van Middlesworth (VanMiddelsworth or Van Middersworth) 5 March 1840. Charlotte was born 24 April 1820 and died at the young age of 31 on 13 November 1852. She is buried in the old Buffington graveyard on Wilmington road. It is probable that she was the daughter of an early Aurora resident, Henry VanMiddlesworth, since this is an uncommon name in this area. Henry VanMiddlesworth built the Eagle Hotel, the first public building in Aurora, in 1822. Two years later he was killed when a cannon exploded prematurely at a July 4th celebration. Pinkney James, one of the many early steamboat builders on the Ohio River in this area in the early 1800's, had built a steamboat, the Clinton, in front of the Eagle Hotel and launched it the day the cannon exploded prematurely. The 1825-1827 Circuit Court Book has a record of the sale of Henry's property with Mrs. Elizabeth VanMiddelsworth as administrator. She received a license to keep a tavern in Aurora 3 November 1826.

Since Francis C. had several nephews named Francis, it is often hard to tell which Francis is referred to in the public records. A Francis Buffington was a township trustee in Dearborn County in 1862 and 1865, according to the Gridley Dearborn County Atlas, and a Francis Buffington was chosen for jury duty in May, 1847. Both probably are Francis C. Buffington. He and his youngest brother, 1822 Jehiel, were executors of their father's will.

By his first wife, Charlotte VanMiddlesworth, Francis C. Buffington, had four children:

1. Francis M. Buffington, who married Anna Dews, daughter of Thomas and Mary Dews, 10 May 1863. His cousin, Blythe Buffington, married Mary Dews. The Dews family came from England. Francis M. Buffington and his wife lived near Jacksonville, Florida, where he later died.
2. Henry V. Buffington, who married Caroline Danforth, 5 November 1865, moved to Iowa and raised his family there. He died in Iowa. A Henry Buffington, 26, and wife Carrie, 26, were in the 1870 Dearborn County Census in Center Township with a child, Nettie, 6.

3. Caroline Buffington was born 13 February 1845 and was married 13 February 1867 to John Wildridge, who was born 27 November 1843 in Harrison Township. His father was from Berks County, Pennsylvania, and his mother from New Jersey. The History of Dearborn and Ohio Counties states that Mr. Wildridge was a grocer with the firm of "Wildridge & Buffington," but does not say which Buffington he was in business with. Blythe Buffington, son of William C., was in the grocery business in Aurora, and Seth Buffington, parentage unknown, had a grocery store in Harrison Township. John and Caroline Wildridge lived and died in Dearborn County and were buried in Riverview Cemetery. They had four children: (1) Frank Wildridge, born 4 December 1867; (2) Edith Wildridge, born 2 November 1868 and died 4 November 1869; (3) Daisy Wildridge, born 14 June 1873, and (4) Stella Wildridge, born 24 November 1878.
4. Eliza or Elizabeth A. Buffington, born 1850, known as Alice or Allie, married J. Lawrence Fowler 6 February 1878, and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1928 in the house in which they were married. Lawrence Fowler was born 18 March 1852 in a home on Wilson Creek and died 22 February 1933. Alice Fowler died on Friday, 13 December 1940, at the age of 90 in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Berkley, Franklin, O. Alice and Lawrence Fowler had one daughter, Bessie Fowler, who was married at age 21 to Harry Branham, 22, finisher, native of Kentucky, on 2 October 1902. They had two children, Edith Branham, who married Wilbur Swink, and Lawrence Branham. A Larry Branham, 34, was married 19 March 1936 to Donna Sweet. Bessie later married J. L. Berkley.

After the death of his first wife, Charlotte, Francis C. (Frank) Buffington married Lina Merrill of Rising Sun, near Aurora, and had a second family. Lina was listed as Carrie Buffington, 36, in the 1870 census and as Caroline M. Buffington, 41, in 1880. Francis was 60 in the 1880 census. Their children were:

1. Ralph Buffington, who died young. He was listed as a child of 4 in the 1870 census and as Ralph P. Buffington, 12, in 1880. He died in 1895.
2. Eddie Buffington, who also died young. He was listed in 1870 as a boy of 9.
3. Hayes Buffington, who lived in Asheville, N.C. While there, he married Bessie Cannon and died at a young age. Hayes M. Buffington appeared in the 1880 census as a boy of 8.
4. Arabelle Buffington married Steven Livingston. They had five children: Carl Livingston, Lina Livingston, Clara Belle Livingston, Frank Livingston and Merrill D. Livingston, all deceased except Frank, who lives in California. Arabelle was 13 in the 1870 census.
5. Amos Buffington was married in November, 1885, to Marie Thomas of nearby Harrison, O. and died in 1932. His wife died in 1944. They had no children but raised Marie's niece, Mrs. Emma Unwin of Harrison, O., who provided much of the information on this branch of the family.

Heirs of Francis C. Buffington in 1899 included Margaret A. Livingston, Amos Buffington, Morris Hayes Buffington, Francis M. Buffington, Henry V. Buffington, and Alice Fowler.

IX. JEHIEL BUFFINGTON

The youngest son of 1784 John Buffington, Jehiel Buffington was born 12 Feb. 1822, almost 17 years after the birth of the oldest daughter, Mary, born in 1805. He was born about a mile north of Aurora in the log cabin believed to be the old home place of John and Nancy Cheek Buffington. The foundation and old well are still there. The place later belonged to John Peters and now belongs to Herbert Newman and Martha Peters Newman, daughter of John Peters.

Jehiel Buffington and his first wife, Amanda J. Hayes Buffington, and his parents all died there and were buried on the hill there. Part of this property later was the property of O.J. Kent, Aurora trucker, and now

belongs to William Pfister, Lawrenceburg attorney. It also belonged at one time to Jehiel's nephew, Josephus Buffington, also known as "Seif," son of 1813-1893 John. It was near William C. Buffington's farm.

Jehiel (also spelled Jehile, Johiel, Johial, etc.) was married first on 10 Aug. 1845 to Amanda Jane Hayes and had six children by his first marriage. He had three more children by his second marriage to Cynthia A. Ricketts, widow of Jehiel Christian Willman. Amanda died 20 Jan. 1861, and he was married 1 Oct. 1863 to Cynthia, who was born in 1837 and died in 1915. The parents of Amanda Hayes are not known; however, Jehiel and Amanda sued a Walter Hayes, administrator of the estate of Solomon Hayes. It also is not known how she was related to John B. Hayes and Charles F. Hayes, who also married Buffingtons. Cynthia Ricketts was the daughter of William Ricketts.

Jehiel Buffington died 25 Sept. 1904, according to his death certificate. His grandson, George Buffington Jr. of Aurora, can recall being carried up the hill to the burial near Wilmington as a very small child. The deed to the farm, signed by President Madison, and other family records have been lost in Ohio River floods. The farm was sold in 1906.

The children of Jehiel and Amanda Hayes Buffington are:

1. William Buffington, blacksmith for the old Royer Wheel Works, born 8 Sept. 1851 and died 27 July 1936 at age 81 in the home of his daughter, Altha (Mrs. J.L. Daum), in North Bend, O. He was married 20 April 1883 to Clara V. Day, daughter of William Day, Aurora funeral director, and his wife, Mary E. Day. Clara was born 18 Nov. 1861 and died 14 Nov. 1928 in Lawrenceburg. William and Clara spent most of their married life in Aurora, living at the site of the present Aurora Library. They had six children:
 - a. Mabel Buffington, born 5 Feb. 1886 and died in the 1960's. She was married first to Roscoe Chapin on 8 March 1902 and had a son, George Chapin. She was married second on 8 Dec. 1904 to John Richardson, born 1880, son of Richard and Elizabeth Gridley Richardson. They had one child who died in infancy. John died in Madison, Ind., and Mabel died on their small farm near Lawrenceburg.
 - b. Altha Buffington was born 10 Feb. 1888 in Aurora and lived in North Bend, O., after her marriage to J.L. Daum. After his death she was married to _____ Balten and lived in New York.
 - c. Charles A. Buffington, born 1891, and died 5 Jan. 1946. Charles was wounded in World War I and never fully recovered, spending the last 12 years of his life in a Veterans Hospital in Dayton, O., where he died. He was married to Pearl Brooks, who lives in Aurora. They had no children.
 - d. William Buffington Jr. was born 25 Feb. 1894 and died in April, 1948. He also was in World War I but was not injured. He was married on 20 July 1929 to Pearl Riley following the death of his first wife in July, 1928. Pearl Riley was born 1 March 1905. William Buffington Jr. conducted his own business making willow baskets, porch furniture, swings and other articles.
 - e. Hazel Buffington, born 1898, died 13 Dec. 1906 when she was shot by a childhood playmate.
 - f. Hilda Buffington, born 18 April 1902, married Ben Keifer and raised a large family in Cincinnati, O.
2. Stephen Buffington, the last "pioneer" Buffington, was born in 1853 and died 14 Oct. 1926. According to George Buffington, Stephen was "the one Buffington that never gave up the pioneer days. He hunted, trapped, fished, gathered roots and barks for medicinal purposes, bought hides and furs, cut his own fuel, and raised most of his living from the ground with very little education. He knew every tree, leaf or weed in the woods." Stephen was married in 1878 to Martha Jane Allen, daughter of Isaac and Mary Jane Allen. She was born 25 Sept. 1850 near Greensburg, Ind., and died 27 Oct. 1929. They had three children:

- a. Julia Buffington, born in 1879, was married at age 24 on 17 Aug. 1903 to John Brockwell, 43, of South Carolina, son of Thomas and Sarah Horton Brockwell, his third marriage.
 - b. Jehiel Buffington was born 8 Aug. 1881 and died a suicide on 18 March 1904. He was unmarried. He, Julia and their parents are buried in the family cemetery on Wilmington Road.
 - c. Chester Buffington, born 1884, was married 6 March 1905 to Minnie Walston, born 1889, daughter of William and Jennie Daniels Walston. They had two daughters: Harriett Buffington, who died young of diphtheria, and Martha Buffington, married and living near Cincinnati, O. Chester Buffington was a construction worker for Ferro Construction Company in Cincinnati, O., and later in New York.
3. Francis (Jack) Buffington left Aurora as a young man and moved to Saybrook, Conn. where he raised a family. After his father, 1822 Jehiel Buffington, died in 1904, Francis and his wife, Clara V. Buffington, signed a quit claim on the property.
 4. Florence Buffington was married in June, 1880, to Merritt or Merit Walser. She was living in Lima, Ohio, in 1935.
 5. Green Buffington, a son, was born 27 May 1849 and died 8 June 1850.
 6. Emily Buffington was born 19 April 1860, and died 1 October 1860. Both she and Green Buffington are buried on the hill near Wilmington.

By the second marriage to Cynthia Ricketts Willman, Jehiel Buffington had the following three children:

1. George B. McClellan Buffington Sr., born 7 September 1864, and died 20 January 1935. He was married 5 October 1887 to Bridgett Gallagher, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Gallagher from Ireland. Bridgett was born 6 March 1864 and died 6 February 1903, following the birth of a son, Ralph Buffington, who died 4 February 1903. A blacksmith for the old Royer Wheel Works of Aurora, George learned his trade from old Ben Kerr, who lived on Ebenezer Ridge. Besides Ralph, George and Bridgett had three other sons: (1) Thomas Buffington, born in 1893 and died in 1908; (2) Stephen Jehiel Buffington, born 18 November 1895 and died 18 April 1906, and (3) George B. McClellan Buffington Jr., born 8 January 1901, living in Aurora. Ralph is buried in the old family cemetery near Wilmington, but the parents and other two sons who died young are buried in Riverview Cemetery.

George B. McClellan Buffington Sr., was married second to Ida Teaney, daughter of Zehra and Mary Smith Teaney, in 1921. She was born 6 September 1872 and died 25 January 1926. She had a daughter by a previous marriage, Mrs. Marie Carter Moore, Lafayette, Indiana.

George Buffington Jr. was born 8 January 1901 on North Hogan on the old Buffington farm a short distance from the old log house. He lived there until his grandmother died, when his father sold the property and moved to Aurora. They bought the old Blythe Buffington home at 205 Johnson Street, where George Jr. still resides.

George Buffington Jr. was a deputy sheriff 20 years and earlier worked on many local construction projects, such as the old Palace Theater and the West Side bridge. He helped put a new floor in the old "Wagon bridge" at the end of George Street. George has spent many months searching for old Buffingtons in local newspapers, county court and marriage records, and county histories. He has made a thorough search of old cemeteries when weeds and snow would allow. George was married 26 February 1930 to Rachel Bowker, daughter of Charles and Grace Richards Bowker. Rachel was born 16 February 1912. They are the parents of three children:

- a. Jacqueline Jane Buffington, who married Ernest Donley of Aurora and has four children: Marie Donley, Judy Lee Donley, Nancy Donley and Kenneth Donley.
 - b. Margie Buffington, married Orbin Thomas of Pine Top, Kentucky, and living in their new home on the Orbin home place there with their five children:--Eddie Thomas, Carolyn Thomas, Louis Thomas, Marty Thomas and Richard Thomas.
 - c. Robert McClellan Buffington, married Sandra Miller. Aurora and has four children: Thea Buffington, Mary K. Buffington and Laura Jean Buffington. They live in Washington Township, Dearborn County. Robert and his father are the last of the once large family of Buffington in Dearborn County. Robert was born 23 May 1908, attended Aurora High School, and joined the Army in 1956 as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division. He was in military service six and a half years, including three and a half years in Germany. He is a construction foreman now.
2. Minta Buffington, was born 29 November 1869 and died 16 December 1941. She was married in Aug. 1891 to Robert Ramsey, a railroader, and lived on part of the old John Buffington home place. After her death her husband and two children moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Their son, William Ramsey, worked on the railroad with his father. William married and raised a family in Cincinnati, Ohio and is buried there. Edna Ramsey, daughter of Minta and Robert Ramsey, married Abe _____, a photographer, and worked with him in Pascagoula, Miss. She died there 12 Dec. 1940 leaving her husband, a son, and a grandson. She was buried in Pascagoula.
3. Charles Buffington was born 1 July 1879 and was married 6 December 1900 to Irene Ellerman, daughter of William and Aurelia Ellerman. They had eight children. He was an employee of the old Royer Wheel Works also, and later was a teamster for the Conroy Furniture Company of Cincinnati. When trucks replaced horses, he became one of the first to drive a delivery truck, working for Conroy and its successor _____th. Their eight children are:
- a. Charles Buffington Jr., born 4 January 1902 who worked for the Jergens Company in Cincinnati now retired; he married and has one daughter.
 - b. Louis Buffington, born 5 May 1904, also a Jergens employee, also married and living in Cincinnati.
 - c. Clayton Buffington, born 28 July 1906, married and living in Cincinnati. He is now a deputy sheriff in Hamilton County, Ohio.
 - d. Theodore (Ted) Buffington
 - e. Ethel Buffington
 - f. Gertrude Buffington
 - g. Edith Buffington, a twin, and
 - h. Evelyn Buffington, twin, the latter er four also all married and living in or near Cincinnati.

Erene Ellerman was born in 1883 and died in 1915. After her death, Charles married Mabel Vandergrift 3 August 1921. Mabel was born in 1887, daughter of Charles and Minerva Dair Vandergrift, and had two sons by a previous marriage.

Besides the above three children, Jehiel Buffington and his second wife Cynthia also raised Gertrude Ricketts, twin sister of Bertha Ricketts, who was raised by their son, George McClellan Buffington. The twins' father, Bruce Brower Ricketts, was Cynthia's brother. The twins were orphaned when their mother was killed by a train when they

were six months old. Cynthia Ricketts was the sister of William and Blauer (or Brower) Ricketts and of Susan Ricketts, who married David White; Nancy Ricketts, who married Sam Pink, and Effie Ricketts, who married William Peters. It is possible she was the sister of Ephriam Ricketts, son of William Ricketts and _____ Long. Cynthia was born in 1837 and Ephriam in 1836. Ephriam married Martha Buffington, sister of Blythe, and Fannie Ricketts (daughter of Cynthia's brother William) married Blythe's son Charles Buffington.

DAVID BUFFINGTON and OTHER UNACCOUNTED-FOR BUFFINGTONS

David Buffington is one of the older and better known of the Dearborn County Buffingtons still unaccounted for and unexplained. It is possible that he was a son of old Jehiel although no records have been found linking him with Jehiel's widow, Elizabeth. The only other _____ could be that he was a nephew or cousin from Pennsylvania who trailed along with the family or that he comes from a more distantly related family of Buffingtons that settled in nearby Butler County, Ohio, just north of Cincinnati, Ohio in the early 1800's.

A brief news item in the Lawrenceburg Register 17 August 1893 relates that "we had the pleasure of shaking hands with Uncle David Buffington at the picnic last Thursday. He informed me that he was nearly 84 years old and is the only man living that was in Aurora in 1815. He said he saw Amasa Fuller hung (for murder) in Lawrenceburg (in 1820)." This was in a column of news items of nearby Wrights Corner.

David Buffington also is one of several members of the Buffington family and allied families that worked on an Aurora bridge erected around 1846 to 1848 over Hogan Creek on the road from Lawrenceburg to Madison, Indiana via Rising Sun. Christian Willman, John Chisman, James Vinson and Elijah Huffman all were paid for working or hauling materials for the bridge.

A David Buffington received a marriage license to marry Catherine Hanover 5 August 1841, but evidently they must have changed their minds because Catherine Hanover was married 27 March 1842 to George Buffington, another early unaccounted-for Buffington. And David Buffington was married 21 July 1844 to Elizabeth Ann Mathaman (also spelled Mothaman, Mothamor, etc.)

David is not listed with his own household in the 1840 census, but appeared in the 1850 census as David Buffington, 40, teamster, born in Virginia; wife, Ann C., 30, born Maryland; and children, Mary E., 13, born Pennsylvania; Rachel A. 6; Jane A., 3, and Elizabeth, 1 month, the latter three all born in Indiana. He was not in the 1860 or 1870 censuses although he must have remained close, possibly just across the state line in Ohio or Kentucky, because he was listed again in the 1880 census as David Buffington, 68, laborer, born in Virginia with both parents born in Virginia; wife, Ann, 58, born in New Jersey with both parents born in New Jersey. Like most Dearborn County Buffingtons, David had considerable variation in age in the census and was listed as a Virginia native. In fact, the children of 1784 John, all known to be natives of Dearborn County, were listed as Virginia or Pennsylvania natives in some of the censuses.

Other records on David include court and land records, and records of his daughters. He sold a lot in Aurora to Jane A. Buettner (Bittner) at one time. It is believed that this is his daughter since marriage records show a Jennie Buffington married John Bitner 24 September 1865. David Buffington, Jane A. Bitner and John Bitner sued a Mary Day in 1865 but the case was dismissed for failure to post bond. Also when an Elizabeth Buffington was married 24 December 1871 to George Lischke, the application was signed by John Bittner, so it is possible that she is the daughter of David also since he had an infant daughter Elizabeth in the 1850 census.

The Union Press of Lawrenceburg carried a brief notice 26 July 1866 that Mrs. Rachel Anna Young, only 21, daughter of David Buffington of Aurora, had died in New Haven, Michigan, on 6 July 1866. She was married 8 June 1865 to Eugene D. Young.

Court records show that John A. Parks, attorney, was administrator of the estate of Anna E. Buffington, deceased, and was discharged in February, 1885. This might possibly be David's wife. The estate was originally probated 5 July 1882, book 2, page 344, and final settlement was made 19 February 1885, book 15, page 288.

Seth Buffington

Probably the other most puzzling unaccounted for early Buffington is the Seth Buffington who was married to a Hester Ann Hollowell 31 October 1847 by the Rev. G. L. Rude. Jonathan Buffington, younger brother of 1784 John, had a son Seth born in 1824 who married a Roxynn Grimsley and moved away to Iowa in 1868. However, the Seth who married Hester Hollowell was probably born around 1805 and remained in the county until his death before January, 1896. It is possible that he could be a son of old Jehiel, but again no records link him to the widow Elizabeth. Joseph Buffington, the father of the three pioneer brothers, had a brother named Seth and a nephew named Seth, but not enough is known about them yet to link him with them.

Seth appears in the 1850 Dearborn County Census in Harrison Township as a laborer, 45, born Pennsylvania, with a wife, Hester, 24, and daughter, Martha, 1. The younger Seth who married Roxynn Grimsley, was only 24 in that census.

A Seth Buffington received a license from the county commissioners to keep a grocery and "sell spiritous" liquors in the middle 1840's in Harrison Township. His farm was on the old White River Canal.

Seth's will was made in Dearborn County 2 April 1860 and was proved 11 January 1866. The will follows:

"I, Seth Buffington of Dearborn County... do make and publish this my last will and testament. First, I give and devise to my beloved wife, Hester Ann, in fee simple all the real estate I may be possessed of at my death. I also give and devise to my said wife all the stock, household goods, furniture, provisions, grain, goods, and all other chattels which I may in anywise be possessed of at my death as aforesaid. I do hereby nominate and appoint my said wife Hester Ann executor of my last will and testament hereby authorizing and empowering her to compromise, adjust, release and discharge in such manner as she may deem proper, the debts and claims due me. I also authorize and empower her if it shall be necessary in order to pay my debts to sell by private sale or in such manner upon such terms of credit or deeds to purchasers to acknowledge, execute and deliver in fee simple as she may think proper." The witnesses, Eliphalet Barber, Nathan Lewis and James B. Fox, appeared in court 11 January 1866.

Some of the other earliest Dearborn County Buffingtons not accounted for include:

Hannah Buffington married James Redding 9 October 1832.

Elizabeth Buffington married John Rewland 28 November 1841.

Mary A. Buffington married Sylvester Walker in 1841.

Jacy Buffington married William Smith 8 September 1840.

Nancy Buffington married Gabriel or Caleb Withrow 8 January 1846.

Mary Jane Buffington married Samuel Myrick 3 December 1846.

Robert Buffington married Hulda Husselton 27 December 1843.

A J. L. Redding, Co. D, 34th Indiana Cavalry, is buried in Dillsboro.

A later "mystery" Buffington who appeared in the 1870 census was Fred Buffington, 29, listed with a wife, Anna, 27, and a boy, Joseph, 14, living in the city of Aurora. There is no other known record of him.

DEARBORN COUNTY, IND. BUFFINGTON MARRIAGES

Copied from Dearborn Co. Courthouse marriage
books, Lawrenceburg, Ind., by George Buffington,
Aurora, and Virginia Zeboski, formerly of Aurora

1820's

Stephen Buffington and Nancy Flake, 13 September 1827, Book 1, p. 76

Elizabeth Buffington and John Wainscott, 28 February 1828

Rozetta Buffington and Christian Willman, 4 June 1829, Book 1, p. 298

1830's

Jane Moore Buffington (widow of Jonathan Buffington) and Alexander Purdy 15 April 1830

Hannah Buffington and James Redding, 9 October 1832

Stephen Buffington and Lydia Upp, 16 November 1834

William Cheek Buffington and Permelia Cheek, 16 April 1835

John Buffington (b. 1813) and Nancy Huffman 5 August 1836

Mary Buffington and William F. Ashcraft, 13 December 1837

Lydia Buffington and James McCartney, 5 May 1839

Maria Buffington and John Flake, 20 June 1839

Hannah Buffington and Job or Jacob Miller, 24 December 1839

1840's

Francis C. Buffington and Charlotte Van Middlesworth, 5 March 1840

Jacy Buffington and William L. Smith, 8 September 1840, Book 5 p. 367

David Buffington and Catharine Hanover, 5 August 1841, Book 6 p. 141

Mary A. Buffington and Sylvester Walker, 28 October 1841

Elizabeth Buffington and John Rewland, 28 November 1841

George Buffington and Catharine Hanover, 27 March 1842

Robert Buffington and Huldah Husselton, 27 December 1843

William Cheek Buffington and Elizabeth Byram, 7 May 1844, Book 7 p. 67

David Buffington and Eliza Ann Mothamore 21 July 1844

Philip Buffington and Sarah A. Still, 10 July 1845

Jehiel Buffington (b. 1822) and Amanda Jane Hayes, 10 August 1845, Book 7 p. 215

Nancy Buffington and Gabel Withrow, 8 January 1846

Mary Jane Buffington and Samuel M. Myrick, 3 December 1846. Book 8, p. 50

Caroline Buffington and Henry F. Wright, 1 September 1847

Seth Buffington and Mary Ann (or Hester Ann) Hollowell, 16 or 31 October 1847

Jehiel Buffington and Christina Carbaugh, 19 November 1848, Book 8 p. 198, (Jonathan Buffington's line later moved to Iowa)

Charles Buffington married Elizabeth Smith, 30 May 1849

1850's

Roxanna Buffington and John B. Hayes, 30 or 31 May 1850

Christian Willman (widower of Rozetta Buffington) and Sarah Carey, 27 June 1850 or 1853

Nancy Buffington and William Ashcroft, 13 December 1851

Christian Willman and Lucinda Nichols, 22 May 1854

1860's

Nelson Buffington and Margaret Bruce, 3 or 5 March 1861

Jehiel Willman and Cynthia Ricketts, 4 May 1861

Anzla Buffington and James M. Baker, 14 October 1862

Christian Willman and Rose Taylor, 19 January 1863

Francis M. Buffington and Anna Dews, 10 May 1863

Elizabeth Buffington and Byron Briar, 3 July 1864

Rachel A. Buffington and Eugene D. Young, 8 January 1865 or 16 May 1865

Jennie Buffington and John Bitner, 24 September 1865

Henry V. Buffington and Caroline Danforth, 5 November 1865

Caroline Buffington and John Wildridge, 13 February 1867

Charles Buffington and Emeline Canfield Clements, 21 October 1867

Nancy Buffington and James Burton, 11 December 1867

1870's

- Elizabeth Buffington and George Lischke, 24 December 1871
- Dora Buffington and Charles H. B. Smith, 8 August 1872
- Josephus Buffington and Mollie E. Sparks, 28 April 1874
- Mary Buffington and John H. Dennerline, 2 January 1877, Book 13, p. 212
- Lewis G. Buffington and Fannie M. Curtis, 1 February 1877, Book 13, p. 223
- Alice Eliza Buffington and J. Lawrence Fowler, 6 January 1878
- Annie Buffington and William Whipple, 9 January 1878
- Emma Buffington and Leonard James, 12 December 1878, Book 13, p. 439
- Joseph C. Buffington and Anna Davis, 4 May 1879

1880's

- Florence Buffington and Merit Walser, 26 May or 3 June 1880
- Ida Buffington and John Downton, 16 September 1880
- William Buffington and Clara Day, 20 April 1883
- Frank Buffington and Carrie Hulbert, 24 July 1883
- Frank Buffington (Jr.) and Orabelle Sabi, 7 May 1885
- Enos Buffington and Altha Hill, 17 May 1886
- John L. Buffington and Cinderella Day, 5 January 1887
- George McClellan Buffington and Bridgett Gallagher, 5 October 1887

1890's

- Minta Buffington and Robert Ramsey, 18 August 1891
- Elizabeth Buffington and Taylor Reisenbach, 11 September 1892
- Enola Buffington and Lewis Mattox, 20 January 1895
- Frances Buffington and George S. Thompson, 31 May 1896

1900-1910

- Delia Buffington and James Cox, 19 June 1900
- Charles Buffington and Irene Ellerman, 2 December 1900

Mabel Buffington and Roscoe Chapin, 8 March 1902

Chester Buffington and Minnie Walston 6 March 1905

Julia Buffington and John Brockwell, 17 August 1905 (or 1903)

Charles Buffington and Irene Thompson, 24 December 1905

Ida Buffington and Joseph Clements, 24 February 1909

1910-1920

Charles Buffington and Fannie Ethel Ricketts, 11 June 1910

1920-1930

Charles Buffington and Mabel Harvey, 3 August 1921

William Buffington Jr., and Pearl Riley, 20 July 1929

1930-1940

George Buffington, Aurora, and Rachel Bowker, 26 February 1930

BUFFINGTON cemetery records in Dearborn County, Indiana:

Buffington graveyard on Wilmington Road

DAR Library, Washington, D.C.

Record by the late Alta M. Baker, a Buffington descendant

JOHN BUFFINGTON d. 10 May 1852, age 68 years 3 days (born 5-7-1784)

NANCY BUFFINGTON (wife of John) d. 9 Dec. 1868, aged 79 years 1 mo. and 13 days (born 10-20-1789)

AMANDA BUFFINGTON (wife of Jehiel) b. 28 October 1825; d. 20 Jan. 1861

ROSETTA BUFFINGTON (dau. of John) d. 6-16-1849, aged 39-10-26

EMILY BUFFINGTON b. 4-19-1860; d. 1 Oct. 1860

GREEN W. BUFFINGTON b. 5-27-1849; d. 8 June 1850

CHRISTIAN WILLMAN, Co. H, 56th Ohio Inf.

Buffington stones on Wilmington Road

(Same cemetery as above)

Copied by Mrs. Maxine Mattox Bruner,
descendant of Blythe Buffington

GREEN W. BUFFINGTON, son of J. and Amanda Buffington, 27 May 1849 to 8 June 1850

CHARLOTTE BUFFINGTON died 13 Nov. 1852, age 31 years, 8 mos., 7 days

JOHN BUFFINGTON died 10 Mar. 1852, age 68 years 3 days

JAHEL, son of S. & J. Buffington, 7 Aug. 1881 to 18 Mar. 1904

ROSETTA, daughter of John & Nancy Buffington, died 14 June 1849, age 39 years, 10 mos., 26 days

Flake-Buffington Cemetery off State Road 350 near Aurora and Wilmington; record in Indiana State Library; researched by Aurora High School class of Mrs. Marian Smith

Sacred to the memory of MICHAEL FLAKE, born Feb. 23, _____, and departed this life 20 July 18____, aged 33 years, 2 mos., 28 days

In memory of EMLEY, daughter of Michael & Sarah Flake, who died September 1842, aged 1 year, 4 mos. and 15 days

In memory of ELIZABETH FLAKE, wife of Michael Flake, who died 7 July 1825 in 42nd year of her life

In memory of NANCY (FLAKE), consort of Stephen Buffington, who departed this life November ?, 1833, in the 24th year of her life

Sacred to the memory of LIDIA, consort of Stephen Buffington, who departed this life 18 July 1849, age 51 years,
5 mos. and 4 days

Sacred to the memory of STEPHEN BUFFINGTON, born 19 October 1807 and departed this life 10 July 1849 aged
41 years and 9 mos.

Wilmington Cemetery, Dearborn County, across from school
Copied by George Buffington of Aurora

All on one stone:

JOHN BUFFINGTON 1818-1899

ELIZA J. BUFFINGTON 1824-1909

WILLIAM H. BUFFINGTON 1853-1854

JOHN BUFFINGTON JR. 1860-1862

PHILIP BUFFINGTON, consort of Sarah Buffington, died 1858

SARAH BUFFINGTON, born 5-29-1823; died 3-16-1905

EPHRIAM RICKETTS b 7-16-1836; d. 11-19-1901

MARTHA J. RICKETTS (sister of BLYTHE BUFFINGTON), b. 7-28-1836; d. 12-29-1913

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY near Aurora
Copied by Mrs. Maxine Mattox Bruner, Aurora

ENOLA (BUFFINGTON) MATTOX 1872-1909

FRANK BUFFINGTON 1861-1940

CAROLINE (wife of Frank Buffington) 1866-1958

MARY BUFFINGTON (wife of Blythe) 1841-1914

BLYTHE W. BUFFINGTON 1842-1899

Also an old pitted military stone B.W. (for BLYTHE W.) BUFFINGTON, Co. I, 16th Ind. Inf.

Record in the John Buffington Bible, copied by
its owner, Mrs. Melba Block 13 December 1952

John Buffington, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Mahala) Buffington was married to Nancy Cheek, daughter of Francis and Mary Cheek, on September 18th, 1804.

These are their children:

1. Mary Buffington born Sept. 18th 1805
2. Stephen Buffington born Oct. 10th 1807
3. Martha Buffington born Sept. 13th 1809
4. Rosetta Buffington born Aug. 18, 1811
5. John Buffington born Dec. 20, 1813
6. William Cheek Buffington born Jan. 18, 1816
7. Rachel Buffington born Jan. 29, 1818
8. Francis Buffington, a son, was born Dec. 17 1819
9. Jehiel Buffington was born Feb. 12, 1822

Also in the Bible is a notation that Hiram Ferrand, son of Bartholo and Mary Ferrand, was born April 11, 1822

Mrs. Melba James Block, the owner of the Bible, is a descendant of the John Buffington born December 20, 1813. His daughter, Emma Buffington, married Leonard James 12 December 1878. Mrs. Block lives in Aurora.

Buffingtons in Vital Records of Dearborn County
(On film in the Library of the Latter-day Saints
in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Indiana State
Library in Indianapolis, Indiana)

Births and Deaths - Aurora, Indiana 1882-1900

Infant Buffington female; born 5 Feb. 1886; mother Clara Day; father, William Buffington Jr., machinist.

Infant Buffington female; born 10 Feb. 1888; father William Buffington Jr., 32; mother, _____ Day, 30.

Infant Buffington female; born 11 April 1888; father, John Buffington, age 32, laborer; mother, _____ Day, age 22.

Infant Buffington, female second child; born 16 Jan. 1890; father, John Buffington, 32, laborer; mother, _____ Day, 24.

Infant Buffington male, named William; born 25 Feb. 1890; father, William Buffington 35, laborer; mother, _____ Day, 23.

Infant James, male; born 14 May 1890; male, fifth child; mother, Emma Buffington James; father, Leonard James.

Infant Young, male, first child; born 20 Sept. 1896; father, John Young, 25, laborer; mother, Grace Buffington, 21, born Aurora.

Infant Platt female, first child; born 2 Feb. 1899; mother, Amelia (Permelia) Buffington, 24; father, Frank Platt, 24.

Infant Riszenbeck, female, second child; born 5 Jan. 1900; father, Theodore Riszenback, 30, born Germany; mother, Lizzie Buffington, 23.

Infant Margaret Reisenback, female; born 22 Aug. 1902, third child; father, Theodore Reisenback, laborer, 36; mother, Lizzie Buffington, 25.

Infant Buffington female, seventh child; born 18 April 1902; father, William Buffington, 52, laborer; mother, Callie Day, 46.

Infant Cox female, second child; born 27 May 1903; father, James Cox, 26, railroad brakeman; mother, Delia Buffington, 24.

Infant Platt, second child; born 13 Sept. 1903; father, Frank Platt, 28, bricklayer; mother, Amelia (Permelia) Buffington, 28.

Infant Buffington female, fourth child; born 11 Mar. 1904; father, John Buffington, 50, laborer; mother, Dina or Dora Day, 35.

Infant Buffington, possibly named Louis Edgar; born 24 May 1904; father, Charles Buffington, 25, laborer; mother, Anna Writer, 22.

Infant Buffington, possibly named Louis Edgar; born 24 May 1904; father, Charles Buffington, 25, laborer; mother, Anna Writer, 22.

Infant Richardson male; born 19 December 1904, first child; father, John Richardson, 24, laborer; mother, _____ Buffington, 19.

Infant Buffington male, fourth child, born 28 July 1906; mother, Irene Ellerman, 22; father not filled out. (Recorder in this year left out lots of parents' names.)

Infant Hayes female; born 4 March 1886; mother, Nannie B. Buffington; father Charles F. Hayes.

Deaths

Matilda C. Buffington, 51, housewife; died 17 May 1886, Center Township; married; father, Merrill.

Francis C. Buffington died 1 January 1899, son of John Buffington.

Buffingtons of Dearborn County in the Indiana
Mortality Records, Indiana State Library

1850

John F., Dearborn County, age 2, born Indiana; June, cholera; I:283

Lydia, married, age 30; born Indiana; cholera, Dearborn County, July. I:251

Stephen, age 9, born Indiana; Dearborn County, March, unknown causes. I:233

Stephen, age 39, married; born Indiana; Dearborn County, July, cholera. I:251

1860

George, age 1, born Indiana; Dearborn County, Sept., summer complaint. I: 97

Martha, age 11, born Indiana; Franklin County (adjoins Dearborn); December, scarlet fever. I:189

Philip, age 40, married; born Indiana; Dearborn County, May, consumption I:101 (Flat boat pilot)

1870

None for Dearborn County listed

1880

Edward E., age 18, born Indiana; Dearborn County; May, typhoid-pneumonia 2:32

Land Records of Dearborn County Buffingtons
copied at the courthouse by George Buffington
(Dated from 2 Dec. 1852 on)

Grantor	Grantee	Sec.	Twp.	Range	Acres
Cath. & Geo. Buffington	Peter Beahl	Lot 66	Aurora		
Jehiel Buffington	Steven Buffington	30	5	1	1 1/2 ac.
C. Norris	Steven Buffington	6	4	2	80 acs.
Elizabeth Buffington	Steven Buffington	36	5	2	40 acs.
C. Norris	Steven Buffington	1	4	2	
C. Norris	Steven Buffington	36	5	2	
C. Norris	Steven Buffington	31	5	1	
C. Norris	Steven Buffington	6	4	1	75 3/4 acs.
Joe Bray	Seth Buffington	10	7	1	2 1/4 acs.

Grantor	Grantee	Sec.	Twp.	Range	Acres
Wm. S. Buffington	Wm. C. Buffington	19	5	1	80 acres
T. Chisman	Wm. C. Buffington	19	5	1	acres
Bld. Loan	Wm. C. Buffington		Aurora		
Dent Wymond	Wm. C. Buffington		Aurora		
Tom White	Emeline Buffington		Wilmington		
Elizabeth Buffington	Emeline Buffington				
David Buffington	Jane A. Buettner		Lot 9 Aurora		
Stephen Buffington	Elizabeth Buffington	36	5	2	40 acres
Emeline Buffington	Elizabeth Buffington		Wilmington		
Jane Buffington	<u> </u> Whitten	4	5	1	56 acres

(Land records in the second book were listed
with grantee first)

Grantee	Grantor	Sec.	Twp.	Range	Acres
A. P. Buffington	F. C. Buffington	30	5	1	6 1/5 acres
M. Buffington	F. C. Buffington	30	5	1	1/2
F. M. Buffington	F. C. Buffington	30	5	1	3
Hannah Buffington	James Carey	29	5	2	40 1/2 acres
Jonathan Buffington	Wm. Moore	2	4	2	
James Buffington	H. F. Wright	6	4	1	Lot 2, 15 acres
James Buffington	Stephen Buffington	36	5	2	
Bessie Buffington	Warren Hayes	30	5	1	6 acres
Bessie Buffington	F. C. Buffington	30	5	1	24 acres
Jehiel Buffington	John Buffington		Lot, Aurora		
Stephen Buffington	John Buffington	30	5	1	41 acres
Stephen Buffington	George Griffin	30	5	1	21 1/2 acres

Stephen Buffington	George Griffin		Lot, Aurora		
Cleveland Buffington	Frank Buffington	30	5	1	
Frank J. Buffington	Mary A. Buffington				
Altha Buffington	Anna Worley	20	5	1	40 acres
Carrie Buffington	"Little Carey"				
F. C. Buffington	Tom White	30	5	1	3/4

Land Records in film of "Surveyors' Field Notes,
Dearborn County, 1799-1805" from the Latter-day
Saints Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

John Buffington, 15 Feb. 1811; SE Sec. 30, 159 acres; Twp. 5 Range 1 W

Conrad Huffman, 14 Sept. 1809, SW Sec. 30, 159 acres; Twp. 5 Range 1 W

Jehiel Buffington and Amos Bruce, 28 June 1814; Twp. 5 Range 1, W. SE Sec. 18, 160 acres

Francis Cheek, 7 Feb. 1812; SE. Sec. 19, 159 acres; Twp. 5 Range 1 W

Noble Burler, 11 Dec. 1811; NE Sec., 160 acres; Twp. 6 Range 1 W

Samuel Dowden, 19 Feb. 1813; SW Sec. 19, 157 acres; Twp. 6 Range 1 W

James Hayes, 13 June 1811; NW Sec. 35, 156 acres; Twp. 6 Range 1 W

Joseph Butler, Mar. ? 1832; W. NE Sec. 13, 79 acres; Twp. 7 Range 2 W

Buffingtons in Dearborn County Censuses
and the 1812 Voters List

1812 Voters' List:

Michael Flack (Flake), Laughery Township (father of Nancy Flake Buffington)

Jonathan Buffington, Laughery Township

Adam Flack (Flake), Laughery Township, grandfather of Nancy Buffington

Henry Peters, Laughery Township

From deteriorated diary kept by Mary Ann Buffington, daughter of 1813 John Buffington and Nancy Huffman Buffington, no dates:

"Grandpapa Hennigan spent Sat. Sun. with us. He caught some fish. Mother made pudding--I put raters on the coals. Mother sewed Grandpapa's a scarf and sweater--He is good. He said he may stay with us this winter --He can sleep in Joe's room."

"Papa's come home--been gone 3 days. he brought Annie, me, Emmie and Joe some candy"

"Today is Decoration Day--Mother, Annie, Emmie, Joe, me went on hill to graves. Mother and Joe clean graves--the girls picked flowers and put on graves. They are building a fence to keep folks out. Lot of kin up there. They call it Buffington."

Sunday

"Grandpapa Hennigan had dinner with us. Mother cooked in big black oven in the fireplace. We like the English pudding--We gilled at the table, was sent out to play. We played tag--I caught Annie--we found Joe in big tree."

Thursday

"Annie and me helping Mother card cotton. She is going to make boys pants--hope some left for Annie and me a apron."

Friday

"Mother is worried about boys on the river boat. Storm down to Orleans. Won't be back for 3 months."

Saturday

"Mother is worried--Papa's not home for a little. She is going to Aurora to see him. Papa's bought a new buggy--had fringing on it. Joe drove the horse down hill. Mother made bread today and coffee cake. Mother, Annie, me, Joe and Emmie go to Uncle Lig--he is coming to get us. Joe got fish on Hogan--caught 3 fish, going to cook them."

"Papa's not home. Mother worried. No flour (flour). We eat mush. It is cold. Got wood."

Monday

"Mother making cloth. Annie died it red. Mother got letter from Orleans. They got there. Mother doesn't know where Papa is--she wants him to come home"

"Annie and me went to dance--Annie went with Will Whipple, me Lym James. Went on picnic on river."

"Help mother quilt."

"Joe got fishin."

"Emmie sick, took sup to her room."

"Ida can play tag now."

"Stay at grandmother Huffman"

"Aunt Rachel and Uncle Lig come to see us. We love to go get the cows--Joe takes his dog he catches squirrels."

"Mother made cheese today."

Saturday

"Annie, Emmie and me went down to Bruce's to dance. I got prize for best dancer. John Dennerline called. He asked me to dance with him. Lynn got jellies. I quit Lynn he was drinking--John Dennerline is coming to take me to picnic he is a nice fellow."

"Annie is going with Whip-poor-Will."

Sunday

"Mother went to find Papa. He won't come home--gone long time"

"Went to town--saw the pretty horse. Mother found Papa he went to see a woman. She cried."

"Mother is baking apples. Emmie and me churned--it is fun--I like butter."

This was all that Mrs. Verlie Kimpton was able to read. Some parts are missing, some parts are water stained, and most of the pages are crumbling with age."



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